

Time Ebbing Fast, Mediators Warn Balkan Combatants

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
GENEVA — Mediators warned the combatants in the Balkans war Tuesday that time was running out for negotiations, but they also urged the international community to resist political pressure for military action until after a second round of talks.

"International pressure certainly is very strong to see a final result here and not to have these talks drag on indefinitely," Fred Eckhard, spokesman for the mediators, said Tuesday. "Our time is running out."

After talks here Sunday and Monday, the Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, asked for more time to consult on the three-part compromise package issued by the two mediators Cyrus R. Vance and Lord Owen.

The package set out plans for an end to hostilities, a new constitution and a map dividing Bosnia into 10 provinces.

Lord Owen urged the international community to hold off military intervention until after the second round of talks Sunday.

In a BBC television interview, he said: "I think loud and clear threats are actually probably now not helpful in terms of dealing with Serbian sentiment. The Serbs are a proud nation and they don't take kindly to being bullied."

"So I think the world has signaled pretty clearly to Belgrade and to the Bosnian Serbs that their patience is running out. I don't think we need to do very much more on that."

Lord Owen said Serb insistence on a separate Serb state within Bosnia with the right to conduct its own foreign policy was the biggest single problem.

"What they want is impossible to deliver in terms of the international community," he said.

Mr. Karadzic said he could not accept Bosnia "as one state," but that the Serbs would be willing to accept a "confederation without right to join other states."

"But we have to have the right of self-determination," he said.

Mr. Vance, representing the United Nations, and

Lord Owen, the European Community envoy, were to travel to Belgrade, the Serbian and federal Yugoslav capital, for a meeting Wednesday with Slobodan Milosevic, Serbia's leader.

Mr. Milosevic, who has not attended the Geneva talks, is blamed by many for fomenting the war in Bosnia. He has considerable influence over Bosnian Serbs.

Mr. Vance and Lord Owen want to try to persuade Mr. Milosevic to talk Mr. Karadzic into accepting their compromise package.

If they succeed, there could be a breakthrough when the talks reconvene Sunday. If not, the pressure for outside military intervention in Bosnia will increase.

Mr. Vance and Lord Owen's constitutional proposals call for a decentralized state, with most government functions carried out by the provinces, and a central government "responsible for foreign policy, but not defense."

An accompanying map sets out boundaries of 10 autonomous provinces, each with a prominent ethnic group. Serbs would be required to give up some captured territory, but would be dominant in at least half the republic. They now hold 70 percent of Bosnia.

Although fighting has died down because of the Geneva negotiations, winter is taking a growing toll. An official said Tuesday that United Nations officials, switching their priority from feeding the population of Sarajevo, have decided to concentrate on saving people from freezing to death.

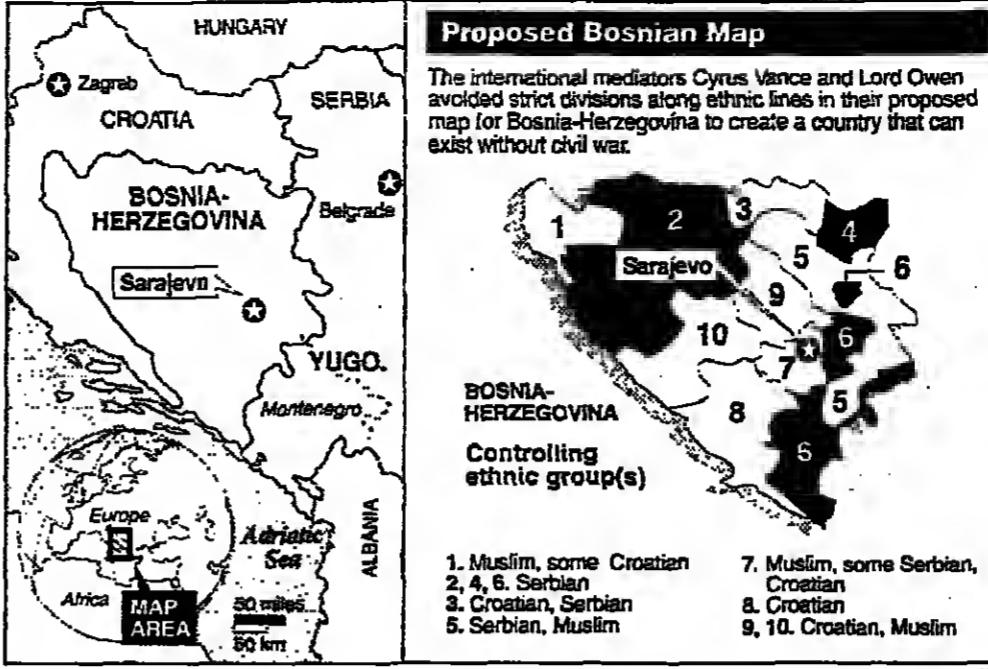
The cold is killing old people daily. Experts fear the current freeze may cause a big wave of deaths.

"We are reorienting the priorities," said José-Maria Mendiluce, the head of UN humanitarian relief efforts in the former Yugoslavia. "We are going to concentrate more on stoves, wood, coal and sleeping bags."

Mr. Mendiluce, who represents the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said the agency would be sending 55,000 sleeping bags and 6,000 stoves into Sarajevo in the next few days.

Most of the truck convoys and relief flights into Sarajevo over recent months have carried food and medicine.

(AP, Reuters)



Mitterrand Assails Call to Intervene in Bosnia

PARIS — President François Mitterrand on Tuesday criticized what he called "warmongering" by people who were demanding French military intervention in the Balkans.

Mr. Mitterrand, who discussed the conflict with President George Bush on Sunday, took a swipe at nations such as the United States that offered to enforce an air-exclusion zone over Bosnia but would not send forces there.

Speaking at a New Year's ceremony for state dignitaries, he recalled that France had the largest contin-

gent of troops in the United Nations peacekeeping force in the former Yugoslav republics and 10,000 men serving in UN operations worldwide.

"We are paying the price for our presence," he said. "So we cannot constantly receive lessons and advice saying 'go in there' from those who are not themselves going into Yugoslavia."

"The United States doesn't mind going in by air," Mr. Mitterrand added. "But it's up to France to right the wrongs. When I see the warmongering campaigns, I'm rather inclined to say it is too easy."

Orderliness Rules as Rural Somalis Get Food Aid

By John Lancaster
Washington Post Service

QUAARAF, Somalia — In a country whose name has become synonymous with looting, violence and famine victims scuffling for food, the scene that unfolded in this tiny bush village this week was little short of remarkable:

A convoy of food trucks rolled up with an escort of U.S. Marines, aid workers unloaded bags of donated Australian wheat — and everyone waited his turn. Three weeks after U.S. military forces moved out from their initial landing zone in the capital, Mogadishu, food deliveries to the countryside began to seem almost routine.

While many rural pockets have yet to be reached, food is flowing farther and more frequently into outlying villages.

Moreover, U.S. military forces and relief agencies have begun to refine their techniques for delivering food, trying whenever possible to distribute it to individual families rather than simply dropping it off in one big pile, where it typically has been stolen by looters or boarded by the strongest villagers.

The phenomenon is especially evident in rural areas near the provincial capital, Baidoa, a major food distribution point that was the first objective for U.S. forces to secure after they left Mogadishu.

Every morning, convoys of food trucks rumble through Baidoa bound for villages such as this one, which until Sunday had not received any food aid since gunmen stole camels and grain stores and killed 15 local men in a months-long looting last year, according to Paul Enright, an aid coordinator for the Irish relief group Concero.

"The fighting has stopped. The villages have been a lot safer," he said. "Every family gets a sack. If someone comes in tonight and loots a few families, we can't stop that, but at least 95 percent of the people who need it will get it."

Despite the security improvements, the distribution system remains far from perfect, as was demonstrated in Quaaraf when Marines discovered that drivers from the food convoy were trying to hide bags for themselves behind a bush.

Similarly, military and relief officials have only begun recently to shift their emphasis to helping individual families, meaning that most of the aid still winds up in the hands of village elders who may or may not divide it equitably.

Some agencies plan to continue the practice of "bombardment" feeding — dropping off a single

load and letting the villagers divide the spoils — with the goal of saturating the country with so much grain that eventually no one will even bother to steal it.

But U.S. military commanders in Baidoa expressed confidence that the combination of the two techniques is working and that food convoys would soon be delivering to all parts of their operations area, which extends up to about 60 kilometers from the city and includes roughly 250 villages.

"There's a lot of indications that the food is getting out there," said Captain Ed Hackett, a Marine who is coordinating military protection of relief convoys from a gutted building at the Baidoa airport. One of the indications is that the price of grain on the black market in Baidoa has dropped from 700 Somali shillings a kilogram a month ago to about 400 shillings, Captain Hackett said.

"With the harvest in three weeks, they need to get people into agricultural areas so they can get the food in right away," he said. "Get the food out there, get the people out there, then get the harvest in to sustain them."

Thus did food finally come to Quaaraf, a collection of conical grass-roofed huts surrounded by sorghum fields about 25 kilometers by car from Baidoa. The week before, Concern workers had visited the village to take the names of 580 families here and in surrounding hamlets for later use in the distribution.

The operation began Sunday in orderly fashion, with one of the village elders explaining the rules through loudspeakers on an army psychological operations truck. For the next six hours, as villagers waited patiently in the blazing sun, Mr. Enright shouted names from a list. Those who were called would step forward, extend a palm to be dabbed with purple dye — a precaution against cheating — and step to the back of a truck to receive the allotted 50-kilogram bag.

Then they carried it home on their backs — up to 10 kilometers in some cases, Mr. Enright said.

There was at least one sign that the program was beginning to have its desired effect. After the grain was all gone, Mr. Enright learned from a village elder that 28 more families had arrived in the area since the initial census, a sign that the promise of food and security could be luring people back to their homes. He promised to come back later in the week with food for them.



Maria Clever/The Associated Press

Boys' Killer First Since '65 to Hang in the U.S.

By Timothy Egan
New York Times Service

WALLA WALLA, Washington — Using a U.S. Army execution manual from the 19th century, the state of Washington hanged Westley Allan Dodd early Tuesday morning for killing three children. It was the first legal hanging in the United States since 1965.

Less than 12 hours after the state Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of hanging, a black hood was fitted over Mr. Dodd's head, a noose was put around his neck and he dropped through a trapdoor in front of 16 witnesses who were behind a glass window.

A small cluster of demonstrators who were bundled in the snow and freezing temperatures outside the prison set off fireworks and cheered as Mr. Dodd was pronounced dead at 12:09 A.M., about five minutes after the execution started. Nearby, an equally small group of people protesting the death penalty lit candles and prayed. They criticized hanging as a barbaric, medieval practice.

Witnesses said the execution, the state's first in 30 years and the 187th in the United States since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976, was swift and mechanical, with little evidence of suffering.

"I went into the review room expecting to see something very revolting, very ghastly," said Darrell Lee, Mr. Dodd's attorney. "I came away with the view that, 'Hey, if you are going to be executed, hanging is the way to go.'"

Mr. Dodd, who had waived all appeals since his 1989 conviction for killing three boys, ate a meal of salmon and potatoes, then spoke his final words in the gallows. He said he had undergone a religious conversion to Christianity and that he had changed his view that sexual predators were incurable.

Clair Neer, the father of two boys who were stabbed and raped by Mr. Dodd, shook his head in what appeared to be a motion of disgust as Mr. Dodd talked about his 11th-hour conversion. He and Jewell Cornell, the mother of a 4-year-old boy who was raped and strangled to death by Mr. Dodd, were the only two witnesses representing family members of the victims.

Mr. Dodd chose death by hanging rather than lethal injection. The last hangings in the United States were in 1965 in Kansas, when four murderers were put to death. Among them were Richard Eugene Hickock and Perry Edward Smith, the subjects of Truman Capote's book, "In Cold Blood."

Mr. Dodd's crimes stunned the Pacific Northwest as few acts of violence have ever done. The Neer brothers, William, 10, and Cole, 11, were knocked from their bikes in September 1989 while riding in a park in Vancouver, Washington. Both boys were tied up, stabbed to death and one of them was raped.

Less than two months later, Lee Iseli, 4, was lured from a playground in Portland, Oregon, where he was playing with his 9-year-old brother. Mr. Dodd promised him money and "fun." The boy was taken to an apartment, raped over a two-day period, strangled to death, then hanged in a closet.

Mr. Dodd was arrested a few weeks later, caught trying to abduct a 6-year-old boy from a movie theater. He confessed to three killings, showed police a diary and pictures that he kept of the victims, and then professed a desire to be executed for his crimes rather than spend his life in prison.

He had history of arrests and convictions for molesting children. But he had never spent more than 118 days in jail.

Warlord's Anti-UN Stand Threatens Somalia Talks

By Paul Lewis
New York Times Service

ADDIS ABABA, Somalia — The Somali peace talks under way here hit a major snag Tuesday when a powerful warlord said he had no confidence in the ability of the United Nations to help his country and called on the United States to take its place in the peace process.

General Mohammed Farrah Aidid's Somali National Alliance said that the UN secretary-general did not understand Somalia's "intricate political problems."

It also described the peacemaking efforts of the secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, as "too meddling, too divisive and too secretive to produce any positive result for the betterment of Somalia."

[The U.S. special envoy to Somalia, Robert B. Oakley, said U.S. forces would step up efforts to collect heavy weapons from armed groups in Mogadishu and the countryside, Reuters reported from Washington.]

"Now that we have more forces on the ground and those forces have more mobility — helicopters for example, some of which are just arriving this week — you'll find the activities to round up the heavy weapons will increase," he said. He added that the warlords, "when they find they've been deprived of heavy weapons, they begin to shrink, almost from within."

General Aidid's stand makes it unlikely that Mr. Butros Ghali can succeed in persuading the lead-

ers of Somalia's 14 most important political groups to hold a national reconciliation conference in a couple of months to form a new interim government, although the talks were extended by a third day to end on Wednesday.

About 10 groups appeared ready to back the UN approach and to try to set the date, location and agenda for such a conference as a first step in the peace process.

But General Aidid's group, with support from three others, wants the United States to take over as the guiding force behind the search for peace. His group also said that before a conference was convened, the United States and other Western aid donors should help the groups rebuild local administration

in areas they control, and establish a nationwide cease-fire.

So far, all that the 14 groups appear to have agreed upon is the creation of a joint committee to consider the follow-up to the current round of talks in Adis Ababa.

But Butros Ghali sought to put the best light on the probable outcome of the talks, asserting that the peace process was being established, albeit slowly.

"You need patience, political imagination and time to make peace," he said, adding, "And you also have your ups and downs."

A Marine-Somali Clash

A U.S. Marine sharpshooter shot and apparently killed a Somali clan fighter Tuesday as U.S. forces

moved deeper and more aggressively into areas of the capital that continue to be wracked by violence, The Washington Post reported from Mogadishu.

Colonel Fred Peck of the U.S. Marines said the incident occurred after a small Marine task force flushed several Somalis from an abandoned apartment building where they had been sniping at U.S. forces in north Mogadishu.

The Somalis began shooting at the Marines, apparently after finding their escape route blocked by gunfire from a rival clan, Colonel Peck said. The Marines saw the Somali fall and recovered his AK-47 assault rifle. The body apparently was taken away by fellow clansmen, he said.

Foreign refugees armed with clubs chased off a gang of German far-rightists who attacked their hostel in a small Bavarian town, the police said Wednesday.

Police in Neustadt, on the Danube River, said six young rightists stormed a refugee hostel on Tuesday, shouting slogans. But the refugees, mostly Kurds and Yugoslavs, grabbed clubs and chased the gang away.

No one was injured, and the police were looking for the assailants. Foreign refugees applying for political asylum in Germany have been the chief targets of months of attacks, including firebombings and murders, by mainly young neo-Nazi and far-rightists.

The police in Erfurt said Tuesday that vandals had overturned gravestones in two Jewish cemeteries near the East German city of Suhl. A police spokesman said the police believed that neo-Nazis were responsible for the vandalism, discovered on Monday, even though no Nazi emblems were daubed on the cemeteries, in the villages of Schleusingen and Sankt Kilian.

Meanwhile, officials of the New York City pension fund have written to Chancellor Helmut Kohl asking whether investments in Germany were safe because of violence by neo-Nazis and rightist gangs, a government spokesman said Tuesday.

The spokesman confirmed a newspaper report that investment managers for the fund had sent Mr. Kohl a letter expressing concern about anti-Semitism and violence against foreigners in Germany.

Earliest Dinosaur Yet Is Discovered

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WASHINGTON — Scientists on Tuesday announced the discovery of the world's most primitive dinosaur — a predator believed to be an ancestor of the rapacious seven-ton tyrannosaur.

With the discovery of a dog-sized meat-eater in the Andes foothills, scientists said they had moved a step closer to identifying the common ancestor of all dinosaurs.

"This may be as close as we ever come to that common ancestor,"

said a University of Chicago paleontologist, Paul Sereno, at a National Geographic Society news conference on his findings.

The newly discovered beast, called "eoraptor" or "dawn stealer," was a clever hunter that walked on two legs about 225 million years ago, before the dinosaur family tree split widely.

The fossil was found by a team of U.S. and Argentine paleontologists in northwestern Argentina. The fossil dates from the Triassic era, when the continents began drifting apart.

"It would have been a crafty hunter, probably eating small animals and snatching the young of larger species," Mr. Sereno said.

The dinosaur, described in an article to be published in the Jan. 7 issue of the British journal Nature, is also featured in the January issue of National Geographic magazine.

Mr. Sereno said the fossil confirmed suspicions that dinosaurs, which evolved into much larger and

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WORLD BRIEFS

China Sharpens Hong Kong Threat

BEIJING (AP) — China issued a veiled threat on Tuesday that it would put pressure on Hong Kong's economy unless the British colony backed down on its plans for greater democracy before reverting to Chinese control in 1997.

The implied threat of economic harm came in a report from the state-controlled Xinhua press agency that stressed the increasingly important role China plays in Hong Kong's economy.

"China has replaced the United States as Hong Kong's largest trade partner, biggest market and leading commodity supplier," the report noted. It followed a warning on Sunday by Lu Ping, director of China's Hong Kong and Macao Office, that he saw no chance for improvement in Chinese-British relations if constitutional changes proposed by Governor Chris Patten were not abandoned.

Judge in Honecker Trial Is Removed

BERLIN (AP) — The chief judge in Erich Honecker's manslaughter trial was removed for passing on an autograph request to the former East German leader and then giving an evasive answer about the incident, a court spokesman said Tuesday.

A new chief judge has been appointed to replace Judge Hansgeorg Brautigam, and the trial will resume as scheduled on Thursday, but the decision is another setback for prosecutors. Doctors say that Mr. Honecker, 80, who was charged in connection with killings of East Germans who tried to flee to the West, is likely to die of liver cancer before a verdict is reached.

Defense lawyers and attorneys for the victims' families had asserted that Judge Brautigam compromised himself by passing on a request for Mr. Honecker's autograph from an alternate juror on Dec. 21, and then asking that it be kept secret. When asked later about what he had done, the judge said he had done "nothing more than pass along ordinary mail."

Fighting Begins to Spread in Angola

LUANDA, Angola (Reuters) — Several people died in fighting between forces of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola and government troops on Tuesday in the coastal city of Benguela, diplomats said.

Fighting was expected to spread. "Forget about the peace process," a diplomat said. "This is civil war. It looks like a step-by-step offensive by the government." The Benguela fighting, which erupted Monday, followed a battle in the southern city of Lubango on Sunday in which diplomatic sources said at least 100 people died.

A UN special envoy, Margaret Anstee, who has been overseeing the peace process, was expected to meet President José Eduardo dos Santos to discuss the fighting. The UN may not extend its mandate beyond a Jan. 31 deadline, sources said, because neither Angolan side appeared committed to the 1991 peace accord that halted 16 years of civil war.

Montreal Jews Denounce Vandalism

MONTREAL (Reuters) — Jewish leaders in Montreal on Tuesday denounced the recent vandalism of seven synagogues as "acts of terror" and the worst anti-Semitism and racist crimes seen in the city.

Vandals defaced seven synagogues over the weekend, painting red swastikas on all and "Juden Raus," a German slogan meaning "Jews Out" used by the Nazis.

"This is the worst act of racism in terms of magnitude and scope ever," said Jonathan Schneiderman, spokesman for League of Human Rights of B'nai B'rith in Montreal. The Canadian Jewish Congress and the Sun Youth Organization have combined to offer a reward of 10,000 Canadian dollars (\$7,900) for information leading to the arrest of the vandals.

For the Record

Princess Margaret, the younger sister of Queen Elizabeth II, spent her third day in a London hospital with pneumonia. Buckingham Palace said Tuesday. The palace said Margaret, 62, was taken to London's King Edward VII hospital on Sunday as a precautionary measure and is expected to remain for one or two more days. (AP)

The editor and director of Smeena, Slovakia's leading state-owned newspaper, have been dismissed, deepening fears for press freedom in the newly independent country. Smeena journalists said they had no doubt the dismissals of Karol Jezik and Jozef Weiss had been politically motivated because the two had encouraged investigative reporting. Czechoslovakia broke into separate Czech and Slovak republics on Friday. (Reuters)

The military-backed government in Algeria announced on Tuesday imminent censorship of press reports on security matters and inaugurated three special courts created to crack down on Muslim extremists with harsh new sentences. (Reuters)

TRAVEL UPDATE

Transatlantic air fare cuts were announced Tuesday by Virgin Atlantic Airways, which cut one-way fares to New York and Boston to \$99 (\$149.50). Fares to Miami or Orlando were cut to \$129 and those to Los Angeles to \$149. British Airways will not match the reductions. (Reuters)

Swiss trains set records for timeliness in 1992. A national railroad spokesman said that 80 percent of trains arrived within a minute and 96 percent within five minutes of the scheduled time. (Reuters)

A Pakistan-Kazakhstan air link was agreed to on Tuesday at a meeting in Islamabad of Finance Minister Sartaj Aziz of Pakistan and Transport Minister Esangarin Niametjan of Kazakhstan. The two officials also discussed measures to increase bilateral cooperation in trade, transport and communications. (AFP)

Japan and France are to co-sponsor a preparatory meeting in Paris on Jan. 21 and 22 for a high-level conference on restoration aid for Cambodia's Angkor temple complex. Fourteen countries and two United Nations organizations are expected to take part in the meeting. Kyoto news service reported. The meeting will lay the groundwork for a higher-level conference to be held in Japan later. (AFP)

Sabena, Belgium's national airline, wants to postpone the scrapping of passport controls for nine European Community nations at Zaventem International Airport in Brussels until 1995, when airport expansions are scheduled to be completed. (AP)

Tokyo Says It Overdid Secrecy on Plutonium

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TOKAI, Japan — Japanese leaders conceded on Tuesday that they had been too secretive about a plutonium shipment that set off protests in several countries, but they ruled out any changes in their nuclear program.

Technicians began the delicate task of removing 1.7 tons of highly toxic plutonium oxide from the freighter Akatsuki Maru soon after it arrived in Tokai, north of Tokyo, early Tuesday.

"We've finished unloading seven of the 15 containers of plutonium," an official said. "We'll complete the work tomorrow." He said the plutonium would be stored in a nearby government plant until the second half of 1994, when it would be trucked to a fast-breeder reactor in western Japan.

About 500 people, led by four Buddhist monks, marched outside the plutonium research plant after the vessel arrived. About 1,000 policemen stood by.

During the ship's two-month voyage from France, Japan came under attack for refusing to give the vessel's position. Tokyo said the secrecy was necessary to guard against possible terrorist attack. Hours after the ship arrived, government leaders said they might ease their policy.

Science and Technology Minister Mamoru Nakajima, in charge of the project, said, "Maybe we didn't explain enough. From now on we want to make public everything we can."

"We will try harder to gain the understanding of foreign countries in the future," he said, but he ruled out any change in Japan's basic policy on plutonium use.

Environmentalists say shipping plutonium by land or sea is unacceptable because of the danger of an accident spreading widespread contamination.

Japanese officials say they need an estimated 85 tons of the highly toxic substance to fuel the fast-breeder reactors, seen as the answer to the country's energy needs.

Japan plans to stockpile the material for eventual use in nuclear power plants. More shipments, expected to total more than 30 tons, are expected in the next decade.

Critics say the shipments and Japan's commitment to develop fast-breeder reactors, which produce more plutonium than they use, will contribute to nuclear proliferation and pose an environmental and terrorist threat. Plutonium can be used to make nuclear weapons. (Reuters, AP)

Italian Scandal Claims Its Fifth Suicide Victim

ROME — A broad inquiry into corruption involving public works contracts claimed its fifth suicide victim when a 45-year-old surveyor was found dead, the police said Tuesday. The scandal involves the payment of bribes by businessmen to politicians in exchange for contracts.

Roberto Spallarossa, a surveyor for a hospital in Pavia, killed himself by piping exhaust fumes into his car, the police said. Investigators are inquiring about contracts awarded for the building of a new radiotherapy unit at the hospital where Mr. Spallarossa worked.

TRANSITION / COUNTING NOSES, PART II

POLITICAL NOTES

FBI, Panting, Says Clinton is Rushing Them

WASHINGTON — The FBI has complained to the Clinton transition team that it has not been given enough time to conduct complete background investigations on some of President-elect Bill Clinton's cabinet selections.

Much of the Clinton Budget is Still Undecided

WASHINGTON — Mr. Clinton will submit his own budget — totally rewriting the one President George Bush comes up with this week — but many crucial details are unresolved, transition officials say.

Krueger Named to Replace Bentsen in Senate

AUSTIN, Texas — Governor Ann Richards on Tuesday named Railroad Commissioner Bob Krueger, a former congressman and ambassador to Mexico, as her interim replacement for Senator Lloyd Bentsen.

Quote/Unquote

Humphrey Taylor, president of the polling firm Louis Harris and Associates, whose organization found that only 10 percent of Americans responding to a survey said they had a great deal of confidence in Congress.

Car Thief Welcomes Ex-Mayor Barry

WASHINGTON — Former Mayor Marion S. Barry got a rude welcome back to politics: An hour after he reported for duty as a Washington City Council member, his car was stolen.

Away From Politics

- A federal jury found Lance Wilson, a top aide to former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Samuel R. Pierce Jr. in the 1980s, and two other men guilty of offering gratuities to HUD officials.

Jewish Groups Remain Suspicious of Clinton's Line on Israel

By Thomas L. Friedman

WASHINGTON — A few hours after Bill Clinton nominated Warren M. Christopher to be his secretary of state, he called several Jewish senators to ask them to persuade leaders of Jewish groups to support the appointment.

Moreover, Mr. Clinton is expected to name Peter Tarnoff to be undersecretary of state for political affairs, the No. 3 person in the State Department who is in charge of day-to-day management of the department and its bureaus.

Transition aides noted that two Jews had been named for the cabinet: Robert B. Reich as labor secretary and Zoe Baird as attorney general.

National Committee, is also under consideration for an important subcommittee position. All are closely identified with mainstream Jewish organizations.

FRIENDS OF BILL'S: Down Home Television Team Behind the Camera for the Bill and Hillary Show

(Continued from page 1)

got out of hand," Harry says. "Designing Women" was the Thomasons' breakthrough. In an unusual move, Linda cast the show with Dixie Carter, Jean Smart, Annie Potts and Delta Burke before she wrote it.



The television producers Harry Thomason and Linda Bloodworth-Thomason with Hillary and Bill Clinton at a private party in Pasadena, California.

Once Ms. Burke opened fire, the Thomasons countered with a 12-page rebuttal plus their own allegations about her work habits. And they decided: Delta had to go.

Harry later helped negotiate the formats for the presidential debates — and coached the candidate on camera angles. After the inauguration, Harry Thomason says, he is going back to the television business — not that he ever left.

Hollywood, he and Linda won't stop caring about the issues. Linda has set up and funded a not-for-profit company with Hillary on the board — to promote education for Ozark women and assist victims of spouse abuse.

but keeping Mr. Clinton in touch with the feelings of the — American — people.

"I think he expects his friends not to let him become isolated," he says. "We find we're usually pretty much in sync with most of America."

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Congress Opens, Its Optimism Tempered

By Helen Dewar and Eric Pianin

WASHINGTON — Two months after voters pumped new blood into the government at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue, the 103rd Congress convened Tuesday with the hope of delivering on its promise to end Washington's policy paralysis.

Optimism was also tempered by the enormous tasks facing President-elect Bill Clinton and Congress. Stimulating the economy, reducing the deficit and overhauling the national health-care system are issues that likely will dominate the session and test the mettle of both branches of government.

Also sworn in were Senator Bob Packwood, an Oregon Republican, and Paul Coverdell, Georgia Republican, who were seated "without prejudice" to challenges to their elections.

Moreover, there is a tendency to assume the best about a new administration, as many lawmakers did only four years ago before President George Bush and Congress locked themselves into warfare that eroded public support.

Legislation will not begin until after Mr. Clinton is inaugurated Jan. 20. He is expected to move first on the economy. He has indicated that his proposals for cutting health-care costs and assuring coverage for all Americans can be expected within 100 days of his inauguration.

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INTERNATIONAL Herald Tribune

Ukraine Should Join In

The nuclear arms reduction treaty that George Bush brings home from Moscow carries over to a new president and goes to the Senate in circumstances promising unobstructed ratification.

advance reform, the United States must show Russians by aid, investment, trade and diplomacy that pursuit of democracy and a market economy pays.

Environment President?

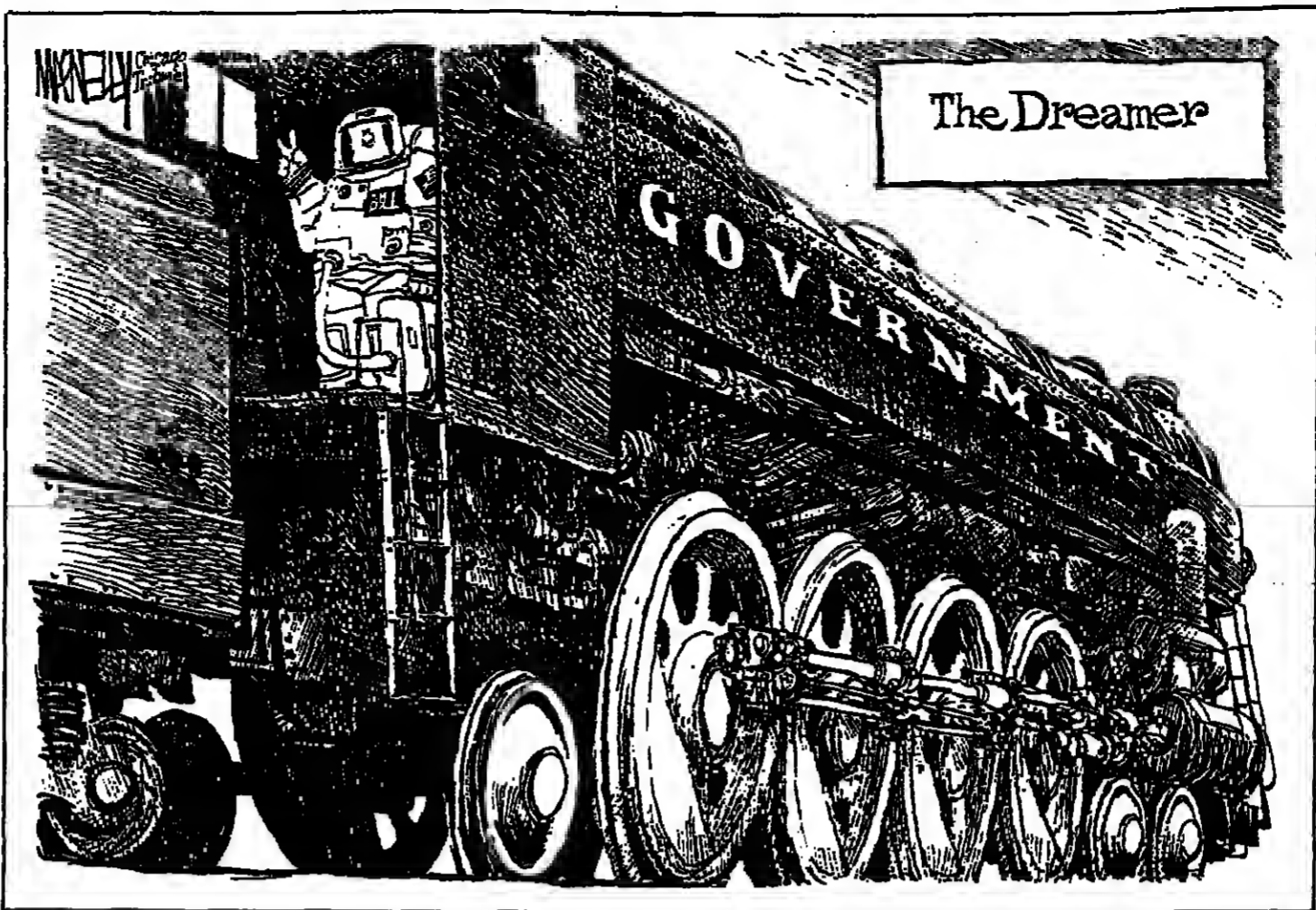
As governor of Arkansas, his record on the environment was fair to poor. As a presidential candidate he let Al Gore do most of the talking on environmental issues.

Mr. Reilly disappointed some of his old friends by not quitting. He chose to suffer and negotiate. He defeated John Sununu's efforts to weaken the Clean Air Act.

Energy Policy Evolves

Americans no longer fear that the country will run out of energy. From the first oil crisis 19 years ago until the mid-1960s, energy policy was largely driven by that fear.

ment, the Interior Department and several other agencies will have seats at the table. The department has had two strong secretaries, and both have found themselves spending enormous amounts of their own energy in the narrower reaches of their broad subject.



Appeasing Beijing Is Self-Defeating for Hong Kong

HONG KONG — A propaganda and psychological war is raging over the future of Hong Kong. The outcome will determine whether the colony that Britain promised, under duress, to hand over to China in 1997 will then thrive or decay.

By Robert Elegant
...ance, while, with characteristic Chinese practicality, they study Mandarin, Beijing's language.

in command in China. The Communist leadership will always sacrifice economic considerations to political imperatives. The Beijing massacre of 1989 occurred before the world's television cameras.

On April 27, Nazi Top, a 23-year-old nurse, was detained in Istanbul as she was leaving the hospital where she worked. The police suspected her of having been involved in a terrorist attack.

Hopes, Fears: Essays for a New Year

The New York Times asked pupils in two of the city's school districts to write about their hopes and fears. Here are excerpts from a few of their essays.

- Benita Liao, 5th grade, Public School 98, Douglaston, Queens
Once when I was in this restaurant, I heard this couple saying, "Who would want to hire that lady? She speaks English with an accent." When I heard that I really felt bad deep in my heart.

- Howard Chiu, 4th grade, Public School 203, Oakland Gardens, Queens
O.K. What do I hope for in the future? Well, I hope that one day we'll be able to drive in cars that fly and make our lives easy! Ha! Without that much worrying (if you know what I mean), like people don't have to worry if the earth is going to be destroyed.

Much Iran-Contra Ado but No Big Fish in the Net

WASHINGTON — The Office of Independent Counsel — OIC in the crowd — has been a great benefactor of the media as it picked through the garbage of the Iran-contra affair during the past six years.

By Richard Harwood
him but left the issue in doubt. His involvement in Iran-contra was shown to be peripheral, and the case against him — lying or withholding information from Congress — was so marginal that it collapsed the first time around.

principal strategist. He will figure in any history of the Iran-contra case and its aftermath. It is surprising that we know so little about him, surprising that he has retained his anonymity for so long.

1893: A Prussian Threat
BILDSTOCK — The most serious development in the strikes in the Saar district is reported. This morning (Jan. 5) at ten o'clock 3,000 women held a meeting in the Workmen's Hall of this place.

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1918: The Shawl Club
PARIS — The Shawl Club, which was organized by Mrs. W. A. Hornby to make shawls for the needy women of France, has made its first report on the work accomplished, showing excellent results.

1943: From the Caucasus
MOSCOW — [From our New York edition:] The Red Army has captured the key railroad towns of Prokhladnenski and Nalchik in the Caucasus, and the Don River stronghold of Tsismlyansk, midway between Rostov and Stalingrad, in drives undermining the German position in southern Russia.

Their Cries Still Haunt Turkey

By Jack Healey and Maryam Elahi

WASHINGTON — Suleyman Demirel promised in 1991, during his election campaign for prime minister, that "the walls of all police stations in Turkey will be made of glass."

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OPINION

Helping the Kurds Survive The Man Who Lost the War

By A. M. Rosenthal

NEW YORK — Pretty soon it will be two years since Saddam Hussein lost the war against the United States and the coalition it put together. We all know he lost. The president of the United States said so and anyway we all saw it and read it. Some of us wrote it. But Saddam does not know it. He is still in power, which is one way he knows

The Human Rights Bureau of the State Department reported in 1989 about the use of chemical weapons and mass eviction against the Kurds — "cleansing" it is called now.

But the West then was arming Saddam, stuffing him with credits, boding him fondly forth as the hope of the Middle East, God help us.

Arab governments, Western foreign offices and world journalism have created the myth that the great danger in the Middle East is the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Dangerous it is, chiefly because it is the excuse for arms buildup and hate propaganda. But so far, counted in lives, the Palestinian-Israeli dispute is a sideshow compared with Muslim slaughter of Muslims. The Syrian conquest of Lebanon, Egyptians against Yemenis. The slaughter of their own countrymen by the Syrian, Iranian, Iraqi, Sudanese and Libyan governments, and by fundamentalists of all nationalities.

And now, Saddam continues the war against the Kurds, those who survived the flight into northern Iraq. They are subject to constant military harassment, and their lifelines of food and medicine are being blocked.

The U.S. Congress has appropriated \$48 million for food and medicine. But they have to come by way of Turkey through roads controlled in part by Iraq. The United Nations has about 30 guards in the area — not nearly enough to protect the trucks from attack and sabotage. So the Kurds suffer from a double embargo — the UN's against Iraq and Saddam's against them.

They ask for help urgently. Warnings to Baghdad to stop ambushing the trucks or face air attack against Iraqi positions, plus helicopter cover for relief convoys, would do it.

That will not change Saddam Hussein's goal of wiping out the Kurds. But it will allow more Kurds to live to see spring return to the mountains, and to go on fighting the man who does not know he lost the war.

The New York Times



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An Island Inside Europe

The Swiss who voted "no" to joining the European Economic Area on Dec. 6 did not reject it because it would have placed Switzerland in a delicate transitional phase; they were rejecting the whole idea of Swiss participation in an integrated Europe.

The reasons include the notion that neutrality, direct democracy and federalism — attributes so precious to the Swiss — would have to be abandoned on the altar of supranational institutions. The fear of losing the distinct Swiss identity was decisive. Switzerland rejected United Nations membership in 1986 on the same ground.

The consequences of the rejection of the treaty for Switzerland could be grave. Most immediately, the Swiss will not enjoy the four freedoms — free exchange of capital, goods, services and

people with other European Area countries — that the treaty entails.

Unless the anti-integration trend is reversed, Switzerland will be increasingly isolated. The laws and regulations that will govern Europe into the next century will be decided without Bern's voice. Inevitably, the Swiss will have to follow the rules of the "European game" — but they will not be reaping its benefits.

LEONID M. TORTI, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington.

A Plea for Help

Our 19-year-old brain-damaged daughter, cared for in a Dutch institution, suffers from severe self-injurious behavior, which has worsened over the years. We have exhausted all known sources in our country in an attempt to

find adequate treatment. Somewhere there must be a recognized institution that has had success in treating similar cases, and which is willing to share its experience with us.

We are aware that your Letters section is mainly dedicated to reaction to articles you have published, but we hope you make an exception in this case. Frankly, it is our last hope.

FRANS MILDERDS, Bilthoven, Netherlands.

The Couples Is Fred

I was captivated by the headline "Couples to Play More in Europe" (Sports, Dec. 18). Shouldn't this more appropriately have appeared on the entertainment page? Does this augur an EC-sponsored sexual revolution? Please advise.

JASON B. ALTER, Himeji, Japan.

Suddenly, America's Aging Was Close Enough to Hurt

By Richard Reeves

NEW YORK — We reached the age quite suddenly, this holiday season when the family routine began to include visits to nursing homes. It was one of those moments, like a wedding or the birth of the first child, when you realize your life will never be the same.

In the last month of 1992, two women in our family — a mother and an aunt.

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one 79, the other 92, both widowed decades ago — decided (or their doctors did) that they could not make it alone any more in their small apartments. Neither would consider moving in with us or other "children." They were too proud and, truthfully, we were all making offers we prayed would not be accepted.

So, shuttling between the Upper West Side in Manhattan and Riverdale in the Bronx, we became matriculating students in the morality and economics of aging in America. I am doing homework on the implications of this change in our thinking and living — in terms of public policy, of private interests and of personal trauma in a time when people are living longer, and long beyond their productive years.

I begin with public policy and the numbers. Both of these great ladies are blessed with pensions earned by their late husbands. With Social Security, they have total incomes in the \$25,000-a-year range and total assets of \$300,000 to \$100,000. They are obviously not rich, but they are far from being poverty-stricken, at least for the next few years.

The nursing homes are fine as these things go. The annual bill for one will be close to \$80,000 a year, about half that for the other. The pensions and Social Security payments are turned over to the nursing homes. My mother's and aunt's personal assets will be used to make up the difference between the income and the home's charges — until those assets are used up, at which point Medicare will make up the difference.

So, multiplying these two cases by millions, this is part of a massive and

growing transfer of wealth from citizens and government to the health-care industry. That is a matter of government choice in a country that chooses not to provide adequate resources to such concerns as prenatal care and public education. As a matter of public policy, we choose the old over the young.

Privately, in my family, we do a certain amount of intergenerational kidding about inheritance. "Yeah, kid, if you don't do what I tell you to do, you're out of the will." Now, I realize there is going to be no will.

That is all part of the modern American screwing of the young. Kids pay for their own higher educations with loans. They will have to pay the national debt run up by old men named Reagan and Bush, and, I realize now, they will never get the house and other assets either — because parents are living longer and turning those houses over to pay for care in the last years of life.

Now, about me personally. Walking through nursing homes between Christmas and New Year's this year, good ones, I am, like many before me, shocked and depressed. This is a life?

The people I saw don't talk to each other, even in nursing homes in the top rank. (I know there are thousands of smelly hell-holes out there, warehouses for the economically useless.) They sit staring straight ahead — some periodically yelling nonsense — watching, I suppose, a personal movie of their lives, reliving the good and the bad.

Do I want to end up that way? Not! But perhaps I will. I remember a family Easter dinner a few years ago when we all talked smugly about "living wills" and said we would never want extraordinary measures to keep us alive. After a while, the oldest woman at the table, in her 80s, said: "You're all crazy. You'll want everything you can get to hang in there as long as possible — just like I do now."

We had a Merry Christmas this year, but I have a feeling that I will spend a great deal of time thinking about these things in a more sobering new year.

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GENERAL NEWS

Case for a 'Closed' Universe? Satellite Uncovers Possible Proof of Theory

By John Noble Wilford

PHOENIX, Arizona — An X-ray astronomy satellite has discovered the first strong evidence that the universe may not expand forever, but someday could be brought to a halt by its own mass.

There is not enough visible matter to halt the observed expansion of the universe. The Big Bang theory of the universe's formation predicts that most of its matter should be in invisible form, but so far, astronomers have failed to track up evidence for anything like as much "dark" matter as the theory requires. After the results reported on Monday, however, at least one part of the universe has as much dark matter as predicted, and astronomers can now hope to find others.

Success would mean the universe is not open, meaning destined to expand forever, but closed. In a closed universe, the gravitational force of its matter is enough to match or exceed the outward force of its expansion.

The observations, reported at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society, supported theories that most of the universe is composed of invisible material of an unknown kind. Analysis of the data indicated that the mass of that "dark matter" might be as much as 25 times greater than that of ordinary matter, the elemental stuff of visible stars, planets and people.

One of the astronomers who made the discovery, Richard F. Mushotzky of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, said, "It's the first time there is evidence of enough dark matter to support the idea that the universe is closed."

Jack Burnas, a cosmologist at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, said the discovery was "very important and fundamental." Like the discoverers themselves, he cautioned that more observations would have to be made to determine whether the findings were typical of conditions throughout the universe.

Cosmologists have contemplated two alternatives to a closed universe. If there turns out to be much less mass, the universe might be open and keep on expanding, diminishing into infinity; or with considerably more mass, the universe might be dragged to a halt and then collapse, in what is described as the Big Crunch.

For years, scientists have postulated the existence of dark matter. Its presence has been deduced from the relative amounts of light elements and isotopes produced by the Big Bang and from the movements of galaxies in clusters, suggesting the gravitational forces of considerably more mass than could be seen. Besides, the leading versions of Big Bang theory, to be correct, require that 90 to 95 percent of the cosmic mass must be in the "dark" form.

The Rosat satellite, called Rosat and operated by Britain, Germany and the United States, did not directly observe dark matter, which by its nature does not emit detectable radiations. The presence of the matter was inferred from what the scientist did see in X-ray pictures from the satellite.

The pictures of the three galaxies of the NGC 2300 group revealed an immense cloud of hot gas amid them. "A cloud like this would have dissipated into space long ago, leaving nothing for us to detect, unless it was held together by the gravity of an immense mass," Mr. Mushotzky said. "The mass required to restrain the cloud is 12 to 25 times greater than the mass of the three galaxies that are present."

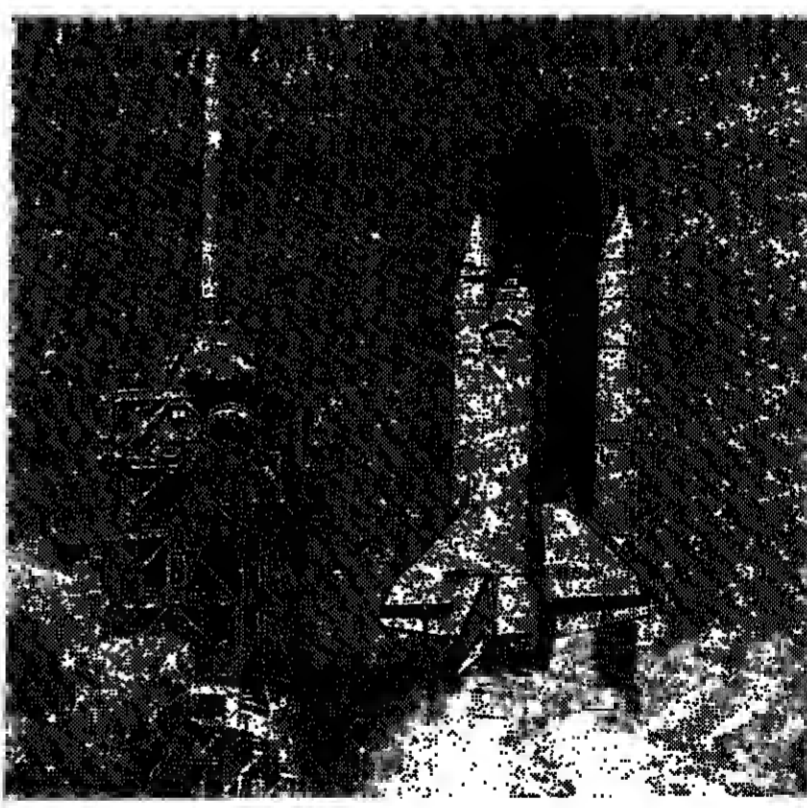
In previous observations, mainly of much larger galactic clusters, the detected ratio of dark matter to visible matter was no more than 2 or 3 to 1 — hardly enough, if widespread, to close the universe.

The question, then, is how typical is the mass of dark matter inferred to in a small group of galaxies like NGC 2300?

If this group of galaxies is not typical, said David Burstein of Arizona State University, another member of the discovery team, "We've opened up a different Pandora's box and we'll have to understand what makes this difference."

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Dr. Richard F. Mushotzky of NASA



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Mulroney, as Election Nears, Prunes His Cabinet and Spotlights a Woman

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

OTTAWA — Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, trying to project the image of a leaner government in hard economic times, has reduced the number of cabinet posts to 35 from 39 as he enters an election year. He hinted that he would make further cabinet changes.

He has also appointed a woman for the first time as defense minister. She is Kim Campbell, who won widespread praise for her handling of the Justice Ministry. She succeeds Marcel Masse, who is to retire.

Observers say she might seek the leadership of the Conservative Party if Mr. Mulroney retires.

Removed from the cabinet were Mr. Masse, Energy Minister Jake Epp, Secretary of State Robert de Cotret and Veterans Affairs Minister Gerald McEntethew. Mr. de Cotret had merited shrinking the cabinet by merging some departments and eliminating others.

The new minister of justice is Pierre Blais, previously the minister of corporate and consumer affairs.

"I believe there will be another structural shuffle before the next election," Mr. Mulroney said, "but this was an important moment to make these changes."

The reshuffle on Monday came as Mr. Mulroney's Conservative

government enters its last year with most polls showing his popularity at about 20 percent.

The prime minister has said repeatedly that he will lead his Conservative Party into the next election, but analysts said the shuffle gave no clear indication of whether Mr. Mulroney was intending to stay on.

The Conservatives under Mr. Mulroney first formed a government in September 1984 and were re-elected in 1988. But the government has fallen sharply in popularity polls as the economy has weakened during the recession.

(Reuters, AP)

A Shake-up in Mexico

President Carlos Salinas de Gortari of Mexico has shuffled his cabinet, promoting three politicians seen as possible successors. Reuters reported from Mexico City.

The shuffle occurred Monday at the start of a key political year in which Mr. Salinas, if he follows tradition, will choose a cabinet minister to succeed him from within the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party.

He named José Patrocinio González, governor of Chiapas state in southern Mexico, as interior minister. He also named Jorge Carpizo MacGregor, head of the govern-

Missourian Seeks Party Post

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Governor John D. Ashcroft of Missouri announced on Tuesday his candidacy for the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee.

Russia to Control Some Food Prices

By Eleanor Randolph
Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — Russia's new conservative prime minister, Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, on Tuesday took his first step toward imposing more state control on prices of basic food products, including bread, milk and baby formula.

Mr. Chernomyrdin's resolution, which Interfax press agency said was signed New Year's Eve, was designed to curb soaring inflation that has plagued the economy in the last year as Russia moved toward free market prices. With recent inflation rates reported at 30 to 40 percent monthly, Russian wage-earners have found themselves unable to cope with what one writer called the "free-fall in living standards."

And although some Russian economists saw the action as a dramatic step backward to the command economy of the Soviet past, others suggested that it was an adjustment of the so-called shock therapy changes of the last year.

Vladimir Safonov, deputy head of the state price committee, told Reuters the order was "a very mild and flexible interference into the

serious situation in the market." The resolution appeared to centralize price regulations in the Kremlin, thus taking away the authority to control prices on food products from local communities. Some analysts said that the new regulation appeared to be designed to make the food industries more like huge Soviet-built monopolies such as steel, coal and oil which are heavily controlled by the state.

The resolution would also cut the allowed company profits from 20 percent to 15 percent for bread, flour and other products, but it was unclear whether such an action would lower prices for customers or allow the government to take extra profits for taxes.

One economic analyst, Mikhail Leontiev, said that instead of stabilizing prices, these new efforts at control could mean that these products, especially meat, "could just disappear, return to the black market."

"This is a crime," Mr. Leontiev said. "It is just a first step to undo the reforms of the past year. Chernomyrdin simply tried to show the people that he was a popular prime minister."



ACROBATIC CHARACTER — A Tokyo schoolgirl balancing carefully as she made her calligraphy sample letter perfect during the annual New Year's contest for youngsters Tuesday in Tokyo's Budokan Hall. All works will be exhibited in February.

U.S. Should Lead, Not Police, Bush Says

By Paul F. Horvitz
International Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON — President George Bush, in a farewell address to the military, said Tuesday that U.S. leadership was essential in a still unsettled world but cautioned that the United States could not be "the world's policeman."

And material resources to promote a democratic peace." The president also renewed his vision of a "new world order" that stresses democracy and economic freedom, and he said he was passing along to his successor, Bill Clinton, a U.S. military that is "second to none."

Mr. Bush chose the U.S. Military Academy, in West Point, New York, to deliver a farewell address to 4,200 cheering cadets. In a similar address last month at Texas A&M University, Mr. Bush argued that the United States must remain fully engaged in world affairs and exert its influence and moral leadership on behalf of democracy and freedom.

The speech Tuesday broke little new ground and offered few insights into Mr. Bush's prescription for the use of U.S. force abroad. Every case is unique, he said, adding that costs and benefits must be weighed, international support

and sharing of the financial burdens demanded. The president recalled U.S. military efforts in Iraq, Panama and Somalia, and he defended his reluctance in the past year to engage U.S. troops in Bosnia. He said, however, that the situation in the former Yugoslavia could yet demand U.S. military attention.

The president, who leaves office on Jan. 20, told the cadets that, despite the end of the East-West confrontation, there were "disturbing signs of what this new world could become if we are passive and aloof."

"We would risk the emergence of a world characterized by violence," he added, "characterized by chaos, one in which dictators and tyrants threaten their neighbors, build arsenals brimming with weapons of mass destruction and ignore the welfare of their own men, women and children."

Terrorism could also increase, Mr. Bush said.

To avoid these threats, the United States should lead the way to "a new world order," he said, invoking a phrase he employed after the Gulf War. That order envisioned "governments that are democratic, tolerant and economically free at home and committed abroad to setting inevitable differences peacefully, without the threat or use of force," he said.

He said U.S. leadership abroad must not be based on unilateralism or what he called universalism.

"We need not respond by ourselves to each and every outrage of violence," Mr. Bush warned. "The United States should not seek to be the world's policeman."

"We would exhaust ourselves in the process," he added. "It is our responsibility, it is our opportunity to lead. There is no one else."

The president praised the all-volunteer military, saying it was one of the nation's "true success stories."

Malaysia Attacks Smoking

KUALA LUMPUR — Cigarette vendors could be imprisoned for up to two years for selling cigarettes to Malaysians under age 18 starting March 1, Health Minister Lee Kim Sai said. Persons under that age will be banned from smoking, possessing, buying or selling cigarettes.

IRAQ: Missile Relocation Reported

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already in the south, a government official said.

The movement of the missiles is seen by U.S. experts as an attempt to confound intelligence monitoring of missiles in the south. A Pentagon official said that some of the southern missiles had been moved closer to the 32d parallel in a possible effort to protect Iraqi planes that skirt the zone.

This official said the movement of the missiles was not in itself a violation of any allied restriction. But he said that if the missiles were deemed by the United States to be a threat to its enforcement of the no-flight zone, it might take military action.

The officials said the Iraqis had also stationed missiles just north of the 32d parallel, and had recently sent additional MiGs to their air base at Al Jarrab, north of the 32d parallel but close to the no-flight zone.

In the north, Iraq has deployed a large number of ground troops near the Kurdish enclave. Although Baghdad has described the deployment as part of an exercise, U.S. officials see it as an effort to intimidate the Kurds.

In other moves that have stirred concern, Iraq has sought to hide documents from UN weapons inspectors and has delayed moving

police posts from territory that a UN commission has determined belongs to Kuwait.

During his recent visit to Marines in Somalia, President George Bush said he thought that Mr. Saddam was still intent on testing Western resolve, despite the downing of the Iraqi MiG-25. "Saddam Hussein is testing something," Mr. Bush said. "I don't know whether he's testing me or President Clinton."

In Little Rock, Arkansas, Mr. Clinton's spokesman, George Stephanopoulos, was asked whether the president-elect was worried about the missiles. "I think Saddam should take no comfort in the fact that Bill Clinton is heading toward the presidency," he said.]

Israel Defends Ousters After UN's Warning

JERUSALEM — Israel said Tuesday it stood behind its decision to expel 415 Palestinians to Lebanon despite a threat by the UN secretary-general to press for further steps to ensure their return.

An Israeli spokesman said Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told Butros Butros Ghali he would welcome a visit this week by a United Nations envoy, the second in two weeks.

Mr. Butros Ghali told the Security Council that he may have to recommend "further steps" should the new mission fail to secure the return of the deportees, as demanded by a council resolution Dec. 18.

"The policy of the government of Israel," a Defense Ministry spokesman said, "is that the act of removal was used in order to protect Israelis as well as Palestinians."

Israel expelled the Palestinians Dec. 17 for alleged links to Islamic fundamentalist groups that killed five Israeli soldiers as well as Palestinians suspected of collaborating with Israel.

LABOR: Bucking Tide

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retire at 60 or earlier. There are more than 200,000 foreigners with short-term work permits in Singapore in a total labor force of 1.5 million. Nearly all the permit holders are unskilled or semi-skilled Asians.

The government is trying to reduce this dependence on the grounds that it could reduce pressure to modernize the economy and lead to social tension.

In recent years, companies in Singapore have automated their operations and moved labor-intensive operations to other nations in the region.

Since 1957, the government has introduced a range of tax and other incentives to encourage marriage and childbearing to offset a sharp fall in the rate of population increase.

Even with these incentives, fertility remains significantly below the replacement level, as Singaporean couples follow their Western counterparts in having small families to keep down costs, make living easier and promote their careers.

If present trends continued, he said, about 20 percent of population of Singapore would be 65 and over by 2035, making it one of the "world's most aged countries by that time."

IRAN: Debate on Chemical Plant

(Continued from page 1)

said it would embarrass the government and undermine Washington's diplomatic effort to persuade European countries not to sell large chemical factories and other sophisticated technology to Iran because of its pursuit of weapons of mass destruction.

Iran already has "an active chemical weapons program and it makes no bones about its right to buy chemical weapons," the director of the CIA, Robert M. Gates, warned in a speech last month. He did not say whether Iran's arsenal of poison gases included hydrogen cyanide, an agent that chokes those exposed to it.

Mr. Gates and other U.S. officials have also said that Iran is trying to acquire nuclear weapons, improve its missile arsenal and generally rebuild its military strength following a debilitating eight-year war with Iraq, which ended in 1988.

Several administration officials said BP America's application for an export license was expected to be discussed this week at a meeting of senior government officials from several agencies.

But another official said the meeting, to be chaired by an official of the National Security Council, would not take up the chemical plant export. Also said to be on the agenda was an unrelated but controversial proposal by the Ayres

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Apple	45.00	+0.10
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Lucent	18.00	+0.03
Motorola	15.00	+0.02
Intel	12.00	+0.01
AT&T	10.00	+0.01
Verizon	8.00	+0.01
WorldCom	6.00	+0.01
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Copper	12.00	+0.01
Gold	10.00	+0.01
Silver	8.00	+0.01
Platinum	6.00	+0.01
Palladium	5.00	+0.01
Uranium	4.00	+0.01
Energy	3.00	+0.01
Oil	2.00	+0.01
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Telecom	0.60	+0.01
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Healthcare	0.40	+0.01
Pharmaceuticals	0.30	+0.01
Biotechnology	0.20	+0.01
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Schering-Plough	10.00	+0.03
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Amgen	6.00	+0.01
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Regeneron	4.00	+0.01
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Lockheed Martin	15.00	+0.05
Northrop Grumman	10.00	+0.03
Raytheon	8.00	+0.02
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Boeing	5.00	+0.01
Lockheed Martin	4.00	+0.01
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Wal-Mart	8.00	+0.03
Target	6.00	+0.02
Kroger	5.00	+0.01
Walgreens	4.00	+0.01
CVS	3.00	+0.01
Wal-Mart	2.00	+0.01
Target	1.50	+0.01
Kroger	1.20	+0.01
Walgreens	1.00	+0.01
CVS	0.80	+0.01
Wal-Mart	0.60	+0.01
Target	0.50	+0.01
Kroger	0.40	+0.01
Walgreens	0.30	+0.01
CVS	0.20	+0.01
Wal-Mart	0.10	+0.01

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Exxon	35.00	+0.10
Shell	25.00	+0.08
BP	15.00	+0.05
Amoco	10.00	+0.03
Conoco	8.00	+0.02
Exxon	6.00	+0.01
Shell	5.00	+0.01
BP	4.00	+0.01
Amoco	3.00	+0.01
Conoco	2.00	+0.01
Exxon	1.50	+0.01
Shell	1.20	+0.01
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Amoco	0.80	+0.01
Conoco	0.60	+0.01
Exxon	0.50	+0.01
Shell	0.40	+0.01
BP	0.30	+0.01
Amoco	0.20	+0.01
Conoco	0.10	+0.01

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Eastman	35.00	+0.12
Amgen	25.00	+0.10
Genentech	15.00	+0.08
Regeneron	10.00	+0.05
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Genentech	6.00	+0.02
Regeneron	5.00	+0.01
Amgen	4.00	+0.01
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Genentech	1.20	+0.01
Regeneron	1.00	+0.01
Amgen	0.80	+0.01
Genentech	0.60	+0.01
Regeneron	0.50	+0.01
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Energy	3.00	+0.01
Oil	2.00	+0.01
Natural Gas	1.50	+0.01
Coal	1.20	+0.01
Electricity	1.00	+0.01
Water	0.80	+0.01
Telecom	0.60	+0.01
Media	0.50	+0.01
Healthcare	0.40	+0.01
Pharmaceuticals	0.30	+0.01
Biotechnology	0.20	+0.01
Food	0.10	+0.01
Consumer Goods	0.05	+0.01
Automotive	0.02	+0.01
Real Estate	0.01	+0.01

Symbol	Price	Change
Johnson & Johnson	55.00	+0.15
Pfizer	45.00	+0.12
Merck	35.00	+0.10
Novartis	25.00	+0.08
Roche	15.00	+0.05
Schering-Plough	10.00	+0.03
Abbott	8.00	+0.02
Amgen	6.00	+0.01
Genentech	5.00	+0.01
Regeneron	4.00	+0.01
Amgen	3.00	+0.01
Genentech	2.00	+0.01
Regeneron	1.50	+0.01
Amgen	1.20	+0.01
Genentech	1.00	+0.01
Regeneron	0.80	+0.01
Amgen	0.60	+0.01
Genentech	0.50	+0.01
Regeneron	0.40	+0.01
Amgen	0.30	+0.01
Genentech	0.20	+0.01
Regeneron	0.10	+0.01

Symbol	Price	Change
Boeing	75.00	+0.20
Lockheed Martin	65.00	+0.18
Northrop Grumman	55.00	+0.15
Raytheon	45.00	+0.12
General Dynamics	35.00	+0.10
Boeing	25.00	+0.08
Lockheed Martin	15.00	+0.05
Northrop Grumman	10.00	+0.03
Raytheon	8.00	+0.02
General Dynamics	6.00	+0.01
Boeing	5.00	+0.01
Lockheed Martin	4.00	+0.01
Northrop Grumman	3.00	+0.01
Raytheon	2.00	+0.01
General Dynamics	1.50	+0.01
Boeing	1.20	+0.01
Lockheed Martin	1.00	+0.01
Northrop Grumman	0.80	+0.01
Raytheon	0.60	+0.01
General Dynamics	0.50	+0.01
Boeing	0.40	+0.01
Lockheed Martin	0.30	+0.01
Northrop Grumman	0.20	+0.01
Raytheon	0.10	+0.01

Symbol	Price	Change
Walmart	45.00	+0.15
Target	35.00	+0.12
Kroger	25.00	+0.10
Walgreens	15.00	+0.08
CVS	10.00	+0.05
Wal-Mart	8.00	+0.03
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Exxon	35.00	+0.10
Shell	25.00	+0.08
BP	15.00	+0.05
Amoco	10.00	+0.03
Conoco	8.00	+0.02
Exxon	6.00	+0.01
Shell	5.00	+0.01
BP	4.00	+0.01
Amoco	3.00	+0.01
Conoco	2.00	+0.01
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Eastman	35.00	+0.12
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Amgen	0.10	+0.01

Symbol	Price	Change
Alcoa	35.00	+0.10
Alumina	28.00	+0.08
Aluminum	22.00	+0.05
Steel	18.00	+0.03
Iron	15.00	+0.02
Copper	12.00	+0.01
Gold	10.00	+0.01
Silver	8.00	+0.01
Platinum	6.00	+0.01
Palladium	5.00	+0.01
Uranium	4.00	+0.01
Energy	3.00	+0.01
Oil	2.00	+0.01
Natural Gas	1.50	+0.01
Coal	1.20	+0.01
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Steel	Steel
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Silver	Silver
Platinum	Platinum
Palladium	Palladium
Uranium	Uranium
Energy	Energy
Oil	Oil
Natural Gas	Natural Gas
Coal	Coal
Electricity	Electricity
Water	Water
Telecom	Telecom
Media	Media
Healthcare	Healthcare
Pharmaceuticals	Pharmaceuticals
Biotechnology	Biotechnology
Food	Food
Consumer Goods	Consumer Goods
Automotive	Automotive
Real Estate	Real Estate

AMEX Highs-Lows

NEW HIGHS	NEW LOWS
Alcoa	Alcoa
Alumina	Alumina
Aluminum	Aluminum
Steel	Steel
Iron	Iron
Copper	Copper
Gold	Gold
Silver	Silver
Platinum	Platinum
Palladium	Palladium
Uranium	Uranium
Energy	Energy
Oil	Oil
Natural Gas	Natural Gas
Coal	Coal
Electricity	Electricity
Water	Water
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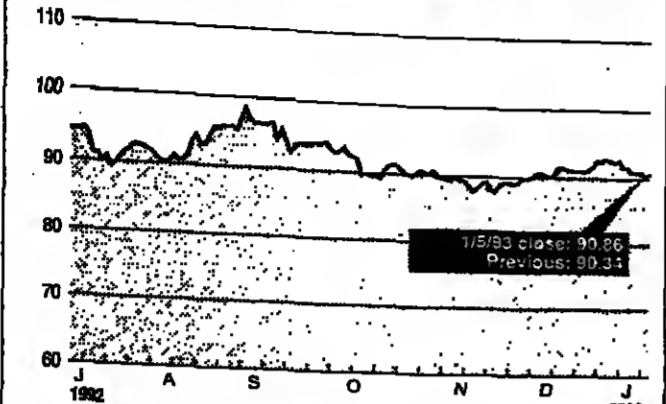
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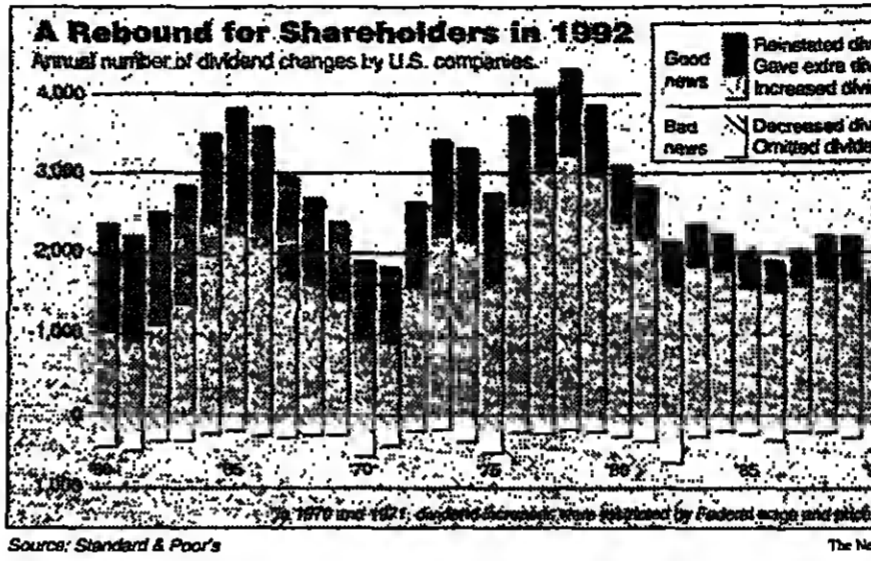
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U.S. Dividends Regain Lost Ground

By Kurt Eichenwald
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Boeing Sees Daimler Deal for Huge Jet

By Agis Salpukas
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NEC Joins Price-Cutting Fray

By Andrew Pollack
TOKYO — Japan's personal-computer market, which has remained remarkably insulated from the fierce price cutting elsewhere, finally seems about to be sucked into a price war of its own...

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N.Y. Fed Chief Resigning to Try Private Sector

By Lawrence Malkin
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MARKET DIARY

Profit Outlook Puts Pressure on Shares

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — Share prices slipped Tuesday as concerns about corporate earnings caused the market to falter. Growth stocks and tobacco and drug tumbled.

"The market is having trouble in the first few days of 1993 as investors worry about high market valuations and the outlook for corporate profits," said Barry Berman, head trader at Robert W. Baird.

The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 1.35 points to 3,307.87.

N.Y. Stocks with Philip Morris Cos. and IBM leading the decline.

The S&P 500 dropped 1.04 to 434.34. Following the trend, the Nasdaq Composite Composite recouped some of Monday's 0.75 percent decline to close up 2.54 points at 674.34.

Advancers outnumbered decliners by a 9-to-7 margin on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading was brisk, with about 240 million shares changing hands, up from 200 million on Monday.

Shares of tobacco, drug, health-care and beverage companies slid the most in the S&P 500 industry group. Traditionally favored by investors for steady earnings increases, they groups have been bat-

tered by signs that profit growth is poised to slow.

Philip Morris Cos. dropped 2 1/2 to 73 1/2 amid concerns that New York state may double its cigarette tax and reports that a coalition of health groups are urging President-elect Bill Clinton to boost cigarette taxes.

RJR Nabisco Holdings dipped 1/4 to 8 1/4.

Drug stocks continue to be hammered by the prospect of a sharp price increase under the Clinton administration and worries that a strong dollar will hurt foreign earnings.

Merck & Co. fell 1/4 to 43 1/4, and Pfizer Inc. dropped 2 1/2 to 69 1/4.

Brokers stocks fell as investors fret that 1993 earnings will not match the record levels of 1992, analysts said.

Merrill Lynch & Co. fell 1/4 to 57 1/4, and PaineWebber Group Inc. lost 1/2 to 23 1/4.

IBM fell 1/4 to 48 1/4 amid concerns the rising dollar may crimp overseas profits.

The stock has been hovering around 17-year lows since the company announced a four-quarter charge of \$6 billion to cut about 25,000 more jobs this year.

Intel, ranked No. 1 among semiconductor makers in the Dataquest survey, soared 4 1/2 to 91.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

Europe Monetary Strife Sends the Dollar Down

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — The dollar fell back Tuesday as the German central bank's reluctance to ease interest rates braked the U.S. currency.

The British pound surged as investors sought shelter from tensions within the European exchange-rate mechanism.

The dollar finished at 1.6255 Deutsche marks, down from 1.6390 on Monday, and at 124.80 yen, down from 125.30.

The pound gained to \$1.5500 from \$1.5005.

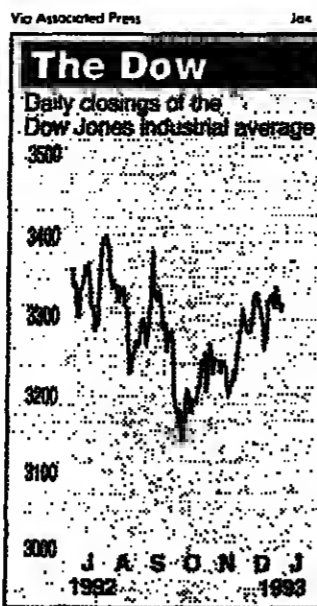
Once again the franc fought off speculators, but at a price of raising French short-term interest rates 2 percentage points.

The Bundesbank again came to the French currency's rescue, traders said.

Speculation is increasing, however, that the franc will not be able to resist such intense pressure and could soon force the French government to devalue the currency.

"The market is getting nastier," said John Nelson, chief spot dealer at ABN-Amro Bank. "As soon as the French step back, the market will run right over the franc."

The U.S. unit also dipped to 1.4717 Swiss francs, after 1.4790, and to 5.5425 French francs, after 5.5925.



Daily closings of the Dow Jones Industrial Average 1982-1993

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IBM Holds PC Lead but Apple Gains

SAN JOSE, California (AFX) — International Business Machines Corp. remained the world's top seller of personal computers in 1992, but its market share slipped from 1991, allowing second-placed Apple Computer Inc. to narrow the gap, according to the market research company Dataquest Inc.

In 1992, IBM had 12.4 percent of the worldwide market, down from its 1991 share of 16.3 percent, according to Dataquest's 1992 survey. Apple's share grew to 11.9 percent from 11.2 percent. Third place was held by Compaq Computer Corp., whose share rose to 6.6 percent from 6.0 percent. NEC Corp. slipped to fourth place, its share dropping to 5.1 percent from 6.4 percent; it had been in third place in 1991.

The worldwide market for personal computers expanded 7.1 percent, in terms of factory revenue, to \$46.5 billion last year, from \$43.4 billion. Dataquest also said that Intel Corp. jumped past NEC Corp. and Toshiba Corp. to become the world's top semiconductor producer in 1992. Intel posted a market share of 7.7 percent last year, the survey showed, bolstered by demand for its 386SX and 486 microprocessors.

Big 3 Delegation Plans Clinton Visit

DETROIT (Reuters) — Executives of the Big Three U.S. automakers are planning to meet with President-elect Bill Clinton on Wednesday to discuss trade, the economy and federal regulations.

Alexander Trotman, president of Ford's automotive group, said Tuesday that industry executives would meet with Mr. Clinton in Little Rock, Arkansas. He said Ford was "pleased with the preliminary indications about how the new administration wants to interface with industry and particularly the auto industry."

He said Ford hoped the meeting extends to other areas such as health care, investment-tax credits and trade with Japan. Mr. Trotman added that the auto industry was hoping for a more "enlightened view" from Mr. Clinton's administration regarding regulations on air quality, weight, fuel economy and safety. He said U.S. auto prices could rise by more than \$1,000 a vehicle to meet proposed standards.

Prudential Takes Over O&Y Tower

TORONTO (NYT) — Prudential Insurance Co. of America has become the first creditor to seize a commercial building of the Reichmann family's bankrupt Olympia & York Developments Ltd., once the world's premier real estate company.

Prudential has taken title to the 28-story Aetna Canada Center, one of the four crown jewels in Olympia's Toronto portfolio. The changeover came as Olympia's creditors prepared to vote next week on a new restructuring plan that is a blueprint for the liquidation of the company's Canadian assets.

Olympia & York owes \$6.7 billion on its Canadian office towers. In May it was granted Ontario court protection from its creditors.

Buffett Adds \$1.3 Billion to Fortune

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Warren Buffett, the famed Wall Street investor and chairman of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., added about \$1.3 billion to his fortune, the largest net increase in wealth in 1992, according to statistics compiled by Lazard Freres Associates.

In 1992, Berkshire shares rose about 30 percent to \$11,750 a share from \$9,050 a share a year ago. On Nov. 17, Buffett became the first stock to trade at more than \$10,000 a share. Mr. Buffett owns about 45 percent of Berkshire's 1.15 million common shares.

Laszlo Birinyi, president of Birinyi Associates, said Mr. Buffett's stake in Berkshire was the primary reason for the surge in his fortune. Mr. Buffett is known for taking large positions in companies he considers undervalued.

For the Record

American Telephone & Telegraph Co. cut the price of its videophone by one-third to \$999.99 on Tuesday. It said that thousands of the devices had been sold since they were introduced in the United States in August; they also are being marketed in Canada and Mexico and will be offered in 25 other countries this year.

Managers Buy Malaysian Media Group

KUALA LUMPUR — Malaysia's largest newspaper chain and sole private television station were sold Tuesday for 800 million ringgit (\$306.3 million) in a management buyout that analysts said would give allies of Finance Minister Anwar Ibrahim tighter corporate control of the media.

The buyout of The New Straits Times Press Bhd. and Sistem Televisyen Malaysia involves a stable of newspapers, including the leading English and Malay morning dailies.

"The price was good so we decided to sell," said Halim Saad, executive chairman of Renong Bhd., which in 1990 bought the two companies as part of the assets it took over from the ruling United Malays National Organization party.

Political sources and analysts said Renong had been pressured to sell the media properties because of differences between Mr. Halim, an associate of the former finance minister, Daim Zaiduddin, and Mr. Anwar, who is Mr. Daim's successor. Mr. Halim denied there was pressure on him to sell.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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Russian City Braves New Era Empty Warehouses in 'Game without Rules'

By Steven Erlanger
New York Times Service

IVANOVO, Russia — When Russians complain about the failures of economic reform, they point to cities like Ivanovo. A large textile center 150 miles (240 kilometers) northeast of Moscow that once clothed half the army and produced one of every four square yards of fabric in the Soviet Union, Ivanovo is suffering by any measure. Output has dropped by half, warehouses are empty and raw materials are almost unavailable. Many thousands of people formally employed are actually on "forced vacation," trying to survive in a time of raging inflation while receiving less than 20 percent of their normal salaries.

"The government issues concepts and decrees," said Sergei P. Balan, technical director of the huge Frolov textile factory, Ivanovo's largest, covering 250 acres (101 hectares). "But 6,000 workers come to us for wages and say, 'We need bread.'"

Ivanovo's problems reflect the chaos of a broken Soviet Union after a first, troubled year of economic and political reform. Old ties are frayed or severed. The cotton-growing republics of central Asia, some torn by civil strife, are growing less cotton and finding more profitable places to sell it than Ivanovo. And state orders have dried up.

Financial mechanisms are paralyzed. Medium-term loans are unavailable. The banking system is unable to speed money transfers, compounding debts companies have incurred with each other.

Factory managers who functioned successfully when the army was a reliable supplier and customer now realize that they simply do not know how to operate in a market economy, and that no one is around to tell them.

Both managers and workers are fed up with platitudes about market economics and the failures of the socialist past.

They say that the last government, under Acting Prime Minister Yegor T. Gaidar, which pushed hard for a market economy, still did not seem very interested in the factory workers or capable of helping them. Under the earlier Communist regimes, party bosses, at least made sure that cotton arrived regularly.

The workers now look to the new government, with its more conservative prime minister, the industrialist Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, for concrete proposals, low-cost loans, faster clearance of bank payments and a renewed effort to patch up economic ties with the cotton-pro-

duce. They know they need cotton to work, and they know they are not getting it. Four years ago, all the warehouses were full of cotton and fabric, and the government struggled to build more storage. Now the warehouses are empty.

To work in normal capacity, Frolov needs 18 million metric tons of cotton a year. In 1992 it got 5 million tons.

Mr. Balan, the factory's technical director, said the old socialist system meant more than just the reliability of government orders.

"It was a whole system of life," he said. "There are no state orders now, and we miss this life. I tell you, it wasn't more calm, but it was more stable. If you ask me the sensitive question, to choose between 1990 and now, when we are the masters of our fate, I tell you, it was easier then."

"We've all decided in this factory that we can't rely on the state," he said. "If we survive, it will be from our own efforts. And if we go bankrupt, we'll go down together."

For the workers, the great majority of them women, results are stark. Frolov once had 6,500 employees, but now many machines are covered, the lines shut down. Only 2,000 people come to work, making an average monthly salary of 5,000 rubles, including bonuses, or \$12, less than the Russian average of about 7,300 rubles. The rest of the employees, who are formally on contract, are told to stay home. They get 75 percent of the minimum monthly wage of 1,380 rubles, or 1,035 rubles.

Galina Zhukova, 29, gestures to the empty machines around her, where rolled cotton wool is turned into thread.

"Three years ago, all these machines were working," she said. "Almost all the first and second floor now is on partial pay, and they have a hard life now. But if there's no cotton supply, I don't know what we'll do. I might be asked to leave, too."



Budget Woes for Belgium

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Belgium's 1992 budget deficit turned out to be much higher than expected, officials said Tuesday, making it increasingly unlikely that the government will meet the spending targets set out in the treaty on closer European Community union.

The deficit will total "somewhere in the area" of 6.8 percent of Belgium's gross national product for 1992, said a budget ministry official, who demanded anonymity.

The government's target had been 5.7 percent of GNP. The treaties signed in Maastricht last year setting out an agenda for creating an economic and monetary union of the 12 EC countries require that public deficits be limited to no more than 3 percent of gross domestic product by 1996.

Government officials blamed the economic slump that has gripped the Community over the last year and high interest rates for the worse-than-expected deficit. Some 40,000 more people were added to the jobless ranks, bringing the total to half a million.

The deficit of 490 billion francs (\$14.56 billion) in 1992 was all the more surprising because the government had made additional budget cuts last fall to try to keep the target within reach.

Only last month, Finance Minister Philippe Maystadt said that the EC targets would need to be softened if the current economic slump continued into 1993.

Belgium's overall debt stands at more than 100 percent of GDP.

Ford Starts Gamble On New 'World Car'

By Erik Ipsen
International Herald Tribune

LONDON — After half a decade and nearly \$6 billion in the making, Ford Motor Co. unveiled its Monday car on Tuesday, describing the new line as "central to our strategy over the next five years."

The Mondeo, billed by Ford as its new "global car," will replace the 10-year-old Sierra line, of which the company has built 3.4 million. The Mondeo will go on sale in Europe in March.

The company said production of the mid-sized model had begun at its plant in Belgium with daily production to reach up to 2,000 cars. Production of a slightly different American version of the car will begin at a U.S. Ford plant in 18 months.

The curvy Mondeo has front-wheel drive and air bags on the driver's side as standard equipment. Keen to stress that its latest offering is thoroughly modern, Ford points to such features as its "safety cell" body structure, designed with the aid of the company's Cray supercomputer. The automaker also insists that 85 percent of the materials used in the Mondeo can be recycled.

The Mondeo was designed in Germany and Britain, with assistance from Ford's U.S. units.

The launch comes at a difficult time for Ford. The company's European arm, Ford of Europe, last month announced it would cut more than 10,000 jobs by the end of this year in an effort to stem losses. Those job cuts will result in the company taking a \$419 million after-tax charge against earnings.

In Europe, Ford faces growing competition from Japanese manufacturers that have set up local fac-

Peugeot to Trim Nearly 2,600 Jobs

The Associated Press

PARIS — Automobiles Peugeot, anticipating a decline in European car sales in 1993, said Tuesday that it would cut 2,597 jobs in four of its factories this year.

The carmaking unit of PSA Peugeot Citroen said the job cuts would help it deal with an expected 4.5 percent decrease in European car sales in 1993 and pursue its objective of a boosting productivity by 12 percent this year.

The plan to trim the work force of 55,000 will be presented to a meeting of management and labor representatives on Jan. 13. It calls for 1,636 workers to take early retirement and the remaining 961 to be laid off.

Peugeot's factories in recent years to take advantage of the single market and from its rival General Motors Corp. The mid-sized market that Ford has targeted with the Mondeo is the company's bread-and-butter segment in Europe, but it is also the continent's most competitive area.

Product Spending Rise
Ford plans to increase product spending for the next five years "very substantially" over the \$28 billion spent in the past five years, Reuters quoted a company executive as saying in Detroit.

Alexander Trotman, president of Ford's automotive group, also said the company planned a product blitz in the next three years, with about 12 new vehicles worldwide.

Investor's Europe

Frankfurt DAX	London FTSE 100 Index	Paris CAC 40
1992	2500	2150
1750	2700	1950
1500	2800	1850
1450	2900	1750
1350	2950	1650
1300	2950	1650
1250	2950	1650
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250	2950	1650
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150	2950	1650
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Very briefly:

- Finland's center-right coalition government agreed to raise the ceiling for bank support to 58 billion markkaa (\$10.73 billion), from 28 billion markkaa, in an effort to bail out the country's banking system.
- Lithuania is setting aside 1 billion rubles (\$2.4 million) to pay Russia for oil delivered in the third quarter of 1992, government officials said.
- Poland's government ended a brief ban on coal exports following the conclusion of a three-week strike by coal miners.
- Carrefour SA said its sales had risen 16.3 percent in 1992, to 131.86 billion francs (\$1.06 billion).
- Upjohn Co. said it was expanding its pharmaceutical-chemicals plant in Val de Reuil, France, for a total investment estimated at \$35 million.
- Italy's Trade Ministry said the government had banned imports of Japanese cars; earlier, newspapers quoted Trade Minister Claudio Vitellone as saying Italy had introduced a ban with effect from Jan. 1.
- Technip, a French oil-engineering firm, said the scope of a contract to build petrochemical facilities at Tabriz, Iran, had been reduced and was now valued at \$200 million.
- Laporte PLC said it bought 4.45 million ordinary shares of Evode Group PLC, amounting to about 6.1 percent of the ordinary share capital; Laporte also said it was negotiating a bid to acquire Evode.
- Alcatel Alsthom SA said its unit Alcatel-CIT won its first contract in the Ukraine, to supply two telephone exchanges with total capacity of 25,000 lines. Ukraine currently has 8 million lines for 52 million inhabitants.
- Bayerische Motoren Werke AG is forming a new finance unit in North America to provide finance and leasing for its retail-dealer network.
- Saab Automobile AB said its U.S. sales rose 1.3 percent in 1992, to 26,363 units.
- Matra SA, the French defense and communications company, said it would cease trading on the Paris Bourse's monthly settlement market on Jan. 22. Matra is to be merged with the media concern Hachette SA. British Airways PLC will soon bid for a stake in USAir that would be smaller than the share it tried to obtain in an earlier aborted offer, according to British press reports said; the airline refused to comment.

FRANC: Concerns Grow That French Currency May Lose Link to the Mark

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speculating attacks on the franc and other European currency targets, such as the Irish punt and the Danish krone.

Until German interest rates come down, economic conditions across much of Europe will probably continue to deteriorate. The contrast between France and Britain could not be clearer. While Britain, as a result of cutting its link to the Deutsche mark, is poised to finally emerge from its lengthy recession, France's economy is being

dragged down by the weight of crushing interest rates. French unemployment, which has been creeping up in recent months, now stands at 10.5 percent and is heading toward 11 percent this year.

"When there was some light at the end of the tunnel, you could at least justify following along the same track," a French banking executive said. "But we no longer can see it."

Adding to the economic woes is the widespread political uncertainty over the economic policies France's next government will pursue.

Several prominent members of the center-right opposition have come out publicly against the government's unwavering commitment to a strong franc. But others, such as former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, have joined in support of the austerity policy.

The Gaullist leader, Jacques Chirac, characteristically, has left some doubt about his position, coming out in favor of the strong franc "in principle."

The confusion may be partly deliberate, since the opposition would clearly be better off if the present lame-duck government were forced

to swallow the bitter pill of devaluation or allow the franc to float before conservatives take office.

In contrast to Britain, France has benefited from a decade-long effort to bring inflation out of its system and improve its industrial competitiveness. Elisabeth Guigou, French minister for European affairs, rightly points out that France has recently enjoyed the "best performance in terms of growth and inflation of the five major European countries."

But as long as France suffers from considerably higher unemployment than Western Germany, its closest economic partner, and most stand by helplessly while Italy and Spain gain trade benefits from their recent devaluations, there will continue to be widespread speculation that Paris will be forced to break the link to the mark.

"The French government is fighting the last war, because it made the mistake in the early 1980s of trying to stimulate growth all alone," said Mr. Brown of Mitsubishi Finance. "But this time, the situation is totally different. It is only Germany that should be pursuing such a tight monetary policy. France would not be the odd one out, but simply joining the crowd."

PAYOUT: Recouping Setbacks

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nouncing dividend increases is perhaps the most closely watched of the three possible types of good news for dividends. In 1992, that number jumped to 1,333, from 1,086 in the previous year.

That was the lowest for any year since 1970 and 1971, when federal wage and price controls held the figures down. Excluding that period, the 1992 figure was the third lowest since 1961.

There were a few indications of uncertainty. For example, the seasonal high for dividend increases is normally from November to February, as more and more companies anticipate good annual profit news.

The 121 such increases last month were more than in any December for the last three years, but were significantly fewer than the 146 increases in November.

But fewer companies omitted dividends in 1992, with 146 companies eliminating such payments, compared with a hefty 250 in the previous year.

NYSE

Tables include the nationwide price up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press (Continued)

Symbol	Price	Change
IBM	110.00	+0.25
Microsoft	60.00	+0.50
Apple	45.00	+0.25
Oracle	35.00	+0.50
Sun	25.00	+0.25
HP	15.00	+0.25
Intel	10.00	+0.25
Motorola	5.00	+0.25
TI	4.00	+0.25
AMD	3.00	+0.25
LSI	2.00	+0.25
SGS	1.50	+0.25
LSI	1.00	+0.25
LSI	0.50	+0.25
LSI	0.25	+0.25
LSI	0.125	+0.25
LSI	0.0625	+0.25
LSI	0.03125	+0.25
LSI	0.015625	+0.25
LSI	0.0078125	+0.25
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MAGAZINE: Business Nirvana for Alternative Digest?

(Continued from first finance page) laid-back New Age types more interested in ethics, values and community involvement than in making money. Utne Reader has proved itself as sophisticated and aggressive as any of its peers in pursuing its business objectives.

Craig Neal, the publisher, said Utne Reader enjoys a "unique niche in the marketplace that really sets us apart, and we deliver a unique and extremely high audience to our advertisers."

According to the magazine's research, its readers, almost evenly divided between men and women, have a median age of 38 and a household income of \$47,300.

"In many cases a dual audience can hurt you," said Mike Tronnes,

advertising director. "But we find from our surveys that the women are as likely to buy audio and stereo equipment and the men are just as likely to buy groceries."

Utne Reader started as a 25,000-circulation newsletter. Now bimonthly, the magazine has a circulation of 284,000 and ran 324 pages of ads in 1992.

Advertising ranges from health foods and outdoor gear to Apple computers, Saturn cars and Nike footwear. Mr. Tronnes calls Utne the only magazine that is both an opinion leader and a lifestyle magazine.

Robert Nissenbaum, president of Imagine Foods, which sells health and natural food products, called Utne Reader unique in its format. "We have been advertising

probably two and a half years or so and I think they are an innovative group of people and that the magazine gets better and better," he said.

Ricky Schlesinger, vice president of sales and marketing for Eagle Creek Travel Gear, said that ads in

Utne Reader had produced a "terrific response."

The magazine has steadily conducted direct mail campaigns, plowing subscription money back into more mailings. It has also been very selective about its advertisers, which include food, music, electronic media, consumer electronics, publishing and travel.

Mr. Utne said he had thought of starting other magazines but felt in the end that they would prove to be a distraction. "We'd start them because they would be a good business opportunity," he said. "But for a magazine to have integrity and vitality it has to come from some editor's passion and vision. It became clear to me that I couldn't edit a magazine just because I had identified some market."

NASDAQ

Tuesday's Prices
NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

Ticker	High	Low	Open	Close	High	Low	Open	Close
IBM	114.25	113.75	114.00	114.00	114.25	113.75	114.00	114.00
MSFT	34.50	34.25	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.25	34.50	34.50
ORCL	28.75	28.50	28.75	28.75	28.75	28.50	28.75	28.75
INTL	18.50	18.25	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.25	18.50	18.50
GOOG	115.00	114.50	115.00	115.00	115.00	114.50	115.00	115.00

Ticker	High	Low	Open	Close	High	Low	Open	Close
AMZN	42.50	42.00	42.50	42.50	42.50	42.00	42.50	42.50
EBAY	18.75	18.50	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.50	18.75	18.75
YAH	12.50	12.25	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.25	12.50	12.50
SHOP	15.75	15.50	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.50	15.75	15.75
WAL	22.50	22.25	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.25	22.50	22.50

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DISC	18.75	18.50	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.50	18.75	18.75
WDC	12.50	12.25	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.25	12.50	12.50
QCOM	25.75	25.50	25.75	25.75	25.75	25.50	25.75	25.75
TXN	15.75	15.50	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.50	15.75	15.75
PLT	18.75	18.50	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.50	18.75	18.75

AMEX

Tuesday's Closing
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H.K. Stocks Cheered By Signal From Patten

HONG KONG — Signs that Governor Chris Patten may be willing to compromise with Beijing in the British-Chinese row over political reform in Hong Kong gave stocks a strong boost Tuesday.

The Hang Seng index of leading shares rose 110.23 points, or 2.0 percent, to finish at 5,548.03. It had lost 1.47 percent Monday as it opened the trading year.

A report in the Evening Standard newspaper of London on Monday said Mr. Patten might be weighing a retreat in his dispute with China. It quoted him as saying that a degree of compromise with Beijing was "perfectly possible."

An associate director at SBCI Finance, Philip Pritchard, said: "The article seems to have been taken as an indication by local Chinese investors that Patten will be prepared to back down and appease China."

News that Prime Minister Li Peng of China visited the Shenzhen stock exchange in southern China on Sunday, and held talks with the Hong Kong business tycoon Li Ka-shing on Monday, also helped boost investor confidence, brokers said.

A sales director at Peregrine Brokerage, Chris Malpass, said, "Sentiment was helped by Li Peng reaffirming the capitalist road."

But brokers remained cautious because the relatively low levels of turnover indicated that sentiment had not changed for the majority of investors.

The head of research at Asia Equity, Barry Yates, said: "The market is being driven on the hopes of a compromise. But I think it is very short term and I don't think the underlying political currents have in any way changed."

Simpler Electronics: Japan Pulls the Plug On Button Nightmare

TOKYO — Now that profits are plunging, the Japanese electronics industry is swallowing its pride and trying a new way to develop its products. New motto: User-friendly. The simpler the better.

Matsushita Electric Industrial Corp., the country's largest consumer-electronics maker, spent years telling customers what they should buy. Now, crews of Matsushita employees, including product designers and researchers, are visiting a million homes to find out what Japanese consumers really want and how products are being used.

"We began to realize that there's a gap between what we've been making and what consumers want," said the Matsushita president, Akiyo Tani. "High technology shouldn't be a god in itself, but rather a means for making products that consumers need."

Matsushita and its rivals are not reintroducing the plain, simple-operation appliances of yesterday. Instead, they are using new technology to streamline how their products work.

The newest washing machines and vacuum cleaners use sophisticated sensors to automatically judge the amount of dirt and other conditions. Advanced control systems adjust automatically, making decisions that users once had to make for themselves.

Electronics makers believe that as the number of elderly people in Japan and elsewhere grows, demand will increase for simpler-to-use products, especially basic household appliances.

Consumer tastes also have changed. People who once wanted impressive control panels now want a less stressful life-style, said a spokesman for Sharp Corp., Shigeyuki Minamoto. "Many people think now that having so many controls is troublesome," he said. "They'd rather push one button and have the machine do the rest for them."

Sharp's new FX-900 portable "boom box" uses a touch-sensitive panel that displays only those functions needed at the time. An "easy operation" switch makes operation even simpler by eliminating all but the most basic functions.

On Sony Electric Co.'s new Duost series of appliances, all that's needed for most uses is a push of a prominently lit "main button."

"Our main purpose is simple operation of complex features," said Takashi Sakai, Sony Electric's general manager of control and systems research. "Users need many functions but also want simple operation."

But making products easier to use is not that easy. Engineers at Matsushita are trying to develop "intelligent" circuits that can respond to verbal commands.

"We want to have speech recognition act like a 'secretary' between the user and the machine" to do all the remembering of confusing operations, said Shoji Hirooka, senior research engineer at Matsushita's Human Interface Research Laboratory.

But the problem, said Hiroyuki Mizuno, head of research and development for Matsushita, is that "technology hasn't developed far enough yet to make products truly simple."

Miyazawa Hints at Stimulus Finance Officials Oppose Budget Measures

TOKYO — Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa hinted Tuesday that he had been won over by pleas from industry for the government to stimulate the economy, but officials of economics ministries seemed to differ.

Mr. Miyazawa told the year's first cabinet meeting his government would formulate a pump-priming package in addition to the one announced last month to pep up the lackluster economy, but he did not say when.

"The government will take whatever measures are necessary, without being restricted by tradition," he said. Japan's economy has been slowing for two years. Previous attempts to ignite growth, such as lower interest rates, have so far had little effect.

Speaking at a press conference attended by the heads of the nation's four largest business associations, the chairman of the Japan Federation of Economic Organizations, the Keidanren, said that if the economy did not show signs of improvement soon, desperate measures would be needed.

"I feel there may be a time when Japan needs to take emergency measures, including fiscal, monetary and tax-related steps, if necessary," said Gaishi Hirawata, the Keidanren chairman.

The business leaders' calls seem to have won the attention of Mr. Miyazawa but not the powerful financial bureaucracies. They were the latest salvo in an intense struggle between those responsible for

Investor's Asia table with columns for Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo, Sydney, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Seoul, Taipei, Manila, Jakarta, New Zealand, Bombay. Includes line graphs for Hong Kong, Singapore, and Tokyo indices.

U.K. Aide Upbeat On China Trade

HONG KONG — The British trade minister, Richard Needham, said Tuesday that the political dispute with China appeared to have had no effect on trade ties with Beijing so far.

Returning from a two-day trip to Guangzhou, Mr. Needham said that his 20-member business delegation had signed deals worth Chinese worth "billions and billions" of pounds. He declined to disclose details.

Mr. Needham also announced the formation in Guangzhou of a Chinese-British Trade Group, and voiced support for Chinese accession to GATT.

Taiwan Helps Carmakers Craft Homegrown Engine

TAIPEI — The government will spend 1.1 billion Taiwan dollars (\$43 million) over the next four years to help local carmakers develop a new engine, the Industrial Development Bureau said Tuesday.

The spending will help to upgrade the country's car industry and reduce its reliance on imports of components from Japan, the United States and Europe, the bureau said.

Four local carmakers will help to design the engine, said Jason Li, a senior engineer at the bureau. Japanese carmakers hold minority stakes in or have technical cooperation agreements with each of the four companies.

Taiwan's car industry currently relies on foreign suppliers for about 40 percent of its components and the government hopes it will become more self-sufficient, Mr. Li said. He added that the bureau also was willing to provide more funds in help local companies develop their components such as braking systems and airbags.

Very briefly:

- Taiwan has dropped an investigation of Ong Te-min, head of the Hsueh group, saying there was not enough evidence to link him in huge share-payment defaults that sent the market plunging in September. Mr. Ong was sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison in October in another case.
Lei Bo-long, a leading Taiwan stock speculator, was released on bail after more than three months in detention for his role in the country's worst stock-settlement default, but is barred from leaving Taiwan.
Taiwan's trade surplus plunged 29 percent to an eight-year low of \$9.48 billion last year, exports grew 7 percent to \$81.48 billion, while imports surged 15 percent to \$72 billion.
Japan will try to boost its sagging stock market by allowing investors in open-ended mutual funds to reinvest their capital in other financial instruments without commission payments.
China is slowing its provinces' drive to open more economic development zones, according to a Beijing-backed newspaper in Hong Kong; the restrictive move is intended to keep the economy from overheating.
Allied Industries International shareholders and its unit Santal Manufacturing voted to support transactions that may lead to a state-owned Chinese industrial conglomerate taking a controlling stake in Santal.

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SPORTS FOOTBALL

Ditka Is Fired As Bears' Coach

Lake Forest, Illinois — Mike Ditka, whose combative demeanor and abrasive personality made him a larger-than-life figure in the National Football League, was fired Tuesday after 11 years of coaching the Chicago Bears.

A teary-eyed Ditka, who agreed to stay on with the team as a consultant, stood by as Bears president, Michael McCaskey, announced the change at a busied news conference.

"We're going to have to find some new ways to do some things different than we've done them in the past," McCaskey said. "There's going to be a premium on fresh ideas, and a new start."

"I've come to the difficult conclusion that it's best to start that process with a new head coach."

Ditka, choking back tears, said: "The Bears will come back. Mike Ditka will survive. I'll land on my feet. There's no problem about that."

The 53-year-old Ditka, whose team finished a dismal 5-11, did not say how long he would stay on as a consultant.

"All things must pass. This too shall pass," Ditka said. "Regrets — just a few. But too few to remember. Thirty-two years, and I have a lot of people to thank. I want to thank the players most, because they make it happen. Thank you, fans of this city."

The Bears finished with their worst record since 1975. It was only Ditka's third losing season, but one that was marked by Ditka's icy relationship with McCaskey and stormy confrontations with players and fans.

Ditka had a 106-62 regular-season record with the Bears, coaching them to six Central Division titles

in the National Conference and the 1986 Super Bowl championship.

Ditka ranks second among coaches of the Bears in both tenure and victories, trailing only the late George Halas, the team's founder. Halas coached Ditka from the beginning of his playing career in 1961 until he was traded in 1967 and hand-picked Ditka to become the Bears' 10th coach on Jan. 20, 1982.

Ditka inherited a team that had just two winning seasons in the previous 19. He revamped the Bears and they went 11-14 his first two seasons.

In their championship season, the Bears had an 18-1 record and Ditka was named coach of the year.

He was named coach of the year again in 1988 for taking the Bears to a 12-4 league-best record and the NFC title game despite suffering a mild heart attack in mid-season.

Ditka, the first tight end inducted into Pro Football's Hall of Fame, went on to play two years with Philadelphia before going to Dallas, where he finished his playing career in 1972. He was hired as an assistant to Dallas' coach, Tom Landry, and stayed there until the Bears hired him.

Ditka is the third coach to be fired since the season ended. The others were Denver's Dan Reeves and Ray Handley of the New York Giants.

Reeves has expressed interest in the Chicago job, but the leading candidate may be Richie Petitbon, the assistant head coach for defense of the Washington Redskins and a former player with the Bears.

Another candidate could be Vince Tobin, the Bears' defensive coordinator. He has often been considered Ditka's logical successor, but his stock has dropped as the team's defense declined.

Oilers Fire 2 Coaches

The Oilers, whose defense collapsed in the second half of Sunday's overtime playoff loss to Buffalo, have fired their defensive coordinator, Jim Eddy, and the defensive backs coach, Pat Thomas. The Associated Press reported.

Eddy and Thomas had been members of Jack Pardee's coaching staff with the USFL Houston Gamblers and at the University of Houston before joining him with the Oilers.

"It's no secret we had a few problems in that area and we've got to get them corrected," Pardee said. "This is a tough business. At this time of year, you'd rather be selling insurance or doing something on TV."

Tom Coughlin said that he will remain as Boston College's football coach, ending speculation he might take that job with the New York Giants.

The Bills said quarterback Jim Kelly is unlikely to play Samir Pittsburgh, but that running back Thurman Thomas, the NFL's combined yardage leader the last four seasons, was feeling better after sustaining a hip pointer.

Linebacker Cornelius Bennett, who missed Saturday's game with a hamstring injury, was also better, while cornerback Kirby Jackson, who also missed the game with a hamstring injury, was improved.



Carolle Merle of France, back to her championship form of last season, was fastest in both runs.

Merle Dominates Giant Slalom

Maribor, Slovenia — Carolle Merle of France stormed back Monday to her championship form of last season, decisively winning a World Cup giant slalom race on an icy slope.

Looking fluid and confident, Merle was the fastest skier in both

runs, turning in a total time of 2 minutes, 29.44 seconds. That was 1.3 seconds better than Anita Wachter of Austria.

Wachter's second-place showing in 2:30.74, was enough to strengthen her position atop the giant slalom and overall World Cup points standings.

Vreni Schneider, the Swiss ace still looking for her first victory of the season, finished third with 2:30.87.

Rapidly improving 19-year-old Martina Ertl of Germany was fourth in 2:31.44, a personal best, after finishing second in an impressive first run.

It was the first win this season for Merle. 28, last year's giant slalom champion. The victory was her eighth in the event and her 19th overall in World Cup competition.

Her showing boosted her to third place in overall points, and second in the giant slalom, in a World Cup season thrown wide open by the surprise retirement last month of overall defending champion Petra Kronberger of Austria.

Maribor was the third women's giant slalom of the season, and the first on a European slope after opening events in North America. A special slalom race was scheduled for Wednesday in Maribor.

Hard snow caused problems for some racers during the first run on the steep, lower section of Maribor's Pohorje course, which has a vertical drop of 390 meters (1,280 feet).

Deborah Compagnoni of Italy, starting in the third position, fell on the lower section.

New Czechs Are Doing Well

Perth, Australia — Petr Korda and Jana Novotna, teamed for the first time in 10 years, gave the new Czech Republic a 2-1 victory Tuesday over Australia in the quarterfinals of the Hopman Cup team tennis tournament.

Later, Steff Graf crushed Natalia Medvedeva in 42 minutes, setting up top-seeded Germany's 2-1 victory over Ukraine.

Korda and Novotna were last paired as 14-year-olds in a Czech junior tournament, losing in the second round.

Provis had beaten Novotna, 6-1, 6-4, in the women's singles and

Korda defeated Masur, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4, in the men's singles.

Graf defeated Medvedeva, 6-2, 6-1, in the quickest match of the tournament to date and then teamed with Michael Stich to win the decisive mixed doubles, 7-5, 6-3, over Medvedeva and her brother Andrei Medvedev.

Medvedev, a rising star at 18, beat Grand Slam Cup champion Stich, 7-5, 7-5 in an upset men's singles result.

Germany now will face Guy Forget and Nathalie Tauziat of France.

The second-seeded Czechs play Spain's Emilio Sanchez and his sister, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, in the semifinals.

The Spaniards won the event three years ago and are bidding to become the first repeat champions.

More Top College Players Opt to Enter the NFL's Draft

New York — Marvin Jones and Drew Bledsoe could make decisions a lot harder for the New England Patriots who own the No. 1 pick in the National Football League draft on April 25-26.

Jones, the Florida State linebacker who won the Butkus and Lombardi awards this season, said Monday that he would leave school early to enter the draft.

That followed an announcement by Bledsoe, a quarterback, that he would forego his senior year at Washington State.

Ohio State sophomore tailback Robert Smith also opted for the pros, while Southern Cal wide receiver-

pick returner Curtis Conway made up his mind to leave school last Wednesday.

The deadline to declare is Wednesday, and all eyes were on Marshall Faulk and Garrison Hearst, running backs who finished second and third in the Heisman Trophy voting.

Faulk, a sophomore from San Diego State, led the nation in rushing in his first two seasons. In December, he said he would definitely return for his junior year, but recent developments on the NFL labor front may make him change his mind.

NFL owners are eager to slow the escalation of rookie salaries, and a \$2 million salary cap for draft

players could be part of a new collective bargaining agreement.

Hearst, a junior tailback from Georgia, said in December that he would make his decision after the Citrus Bowl, which Georgia won by the score of 21-14 over Ohio State. There has been no word from him so far.

Smith, a sophomore, returned to the Buckeyes this season after sitting out 1991, when he said an assistant coach, Elliot Uzelac, ordered him to miss classes to attend practice. Smith rushed for a team-leading 819 yards and 10 touchdowns despite missing games because of a broken rib and sprained ankle.

1993: The Year Out of Time

International Herald Tribune

LONDON — The luxuries of time and space no longer exist in soccer. I think they went out around the time of the British Raj.

In 1993, on top of the usual workload, 400 World Cup qualifying matches have to be squeezed into the year. That means dodging wars and famine in Africa. It means taking the World Cup qualifying contest into Beirut, opening up the Japanese frontier, accommodating the new Baltic states, defying the Colombian drug barons.

January — The action belongs largely to Africa, where there will be 43 World Cup matches to decide three finalists. Africa is now armed with release clauses to borrow back its stars from European clubs.

But arms of another kind have led to postponements in Zaire and Angola. Libya has withdrawn because of U.N. diplomatic and trade sanctions; Liberia announced Tuesday that it had pulled out of the 1994 World Cup qualifying competition because of the financial hardship caused by its civil war.

In England, continuing a ritual begun more than 120 years ago, the old FA Cup will continue to be the great leveler. This month's intriguing prospect might pit Blackburn's millionaire manager, Kenny Dalglish, against the man who cleans the windows of Dalglish's house and in his spare time manages a club five leagues below Blackburn. Its part-time players are a match away from facing Blackburn in the Cup.

SIDELINES

IAAF Clears 4 Russians

LONDON (AP) — World track officials said Tuesday that four Russian athletes, expelled from Sweden after a trainer was found in possession of anabolic steroids, have been cleared of using illegal drugs.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation said that tests on hurdlers Lyudmila Narozhenko, Margarita Penomartova and Tatyana Reshetnikova and pole vaulter Rodion Gazanlin had been negative. As the four entered Sweden last month for training, customs officials found the steroids in the luggage of their trainer, Lydia Fedotova.

For the Record

The North Korean women's gymnastics team has been barred from April's world championships in Birmingham, England, because of one of its members, Kim Gwan Suk, was listed as 15 years old at the world championships in Stuttgart in 1989, as 16 when she won the asymmetric bars world title in Indianapolis two years later, and as still only 16 at the Barcelona Olympics last year. North Korean officials admitted she was too young to compete in Stuttgart and that she lied about her age in Barcelona. (AP)

France's national soccer, volleyball and handball federations have agreed to open gymnasiums and stadium locker rooms to homeless people during the prebid cold wave, officials said Tuesday. (AP)

Albo Agropoli, 48, who previously coached the club in the 1985-86 season, was rehired by the Italian first division team Fiorentina to replace the fired Luigi Redice. (Reuters)

Marc Rosset of Switzerland, the Olympic tennis champion, pulled out of the Qatar Open because of a throat infection and said he also would not play in the Australian Open. (Reuters)

49ers' Young Voted Offensive Player of Year

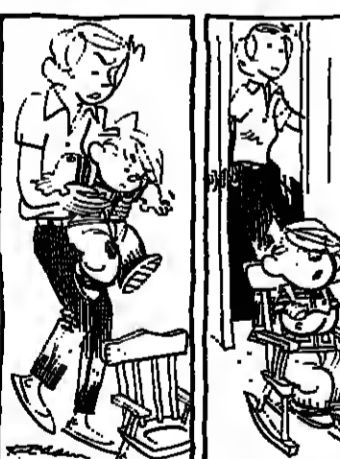
Santa Clara, California — Quarterback Steve Young of the San Francisco 49ers has been voted the 1992 offensive player of the year.

He received 28 of 80 votes cast by a nationwide panel of media members. Running back Barry Foster of Pittsburgh, who tied an NFL mark with 12 100-yard games, was next with 24; Emmitt Smith of Dallas, the league's leading rusher, received 17 votes.

Green Bay wide receiver Sterling Sharpe, who set an NFL record with 108 catches, finished fourth with six votes. Running back Thurman Thomas of Buffalo, the 1991 winner, was next with three votes, followed by San Francisco running back Ricky Watters and Buffalo quarterback Jim Kelly with one each.

Young emerged from Joe Montana's shadow to lead the NFL in passing with a 107 rating, 25 touchdowns and seven interceptions, completing 66.7 per cent of his passes as the 49ers posted a an NFL-best 14-2 record.

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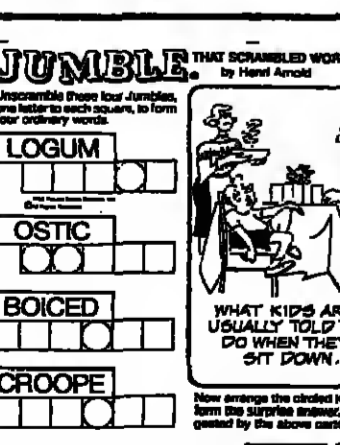
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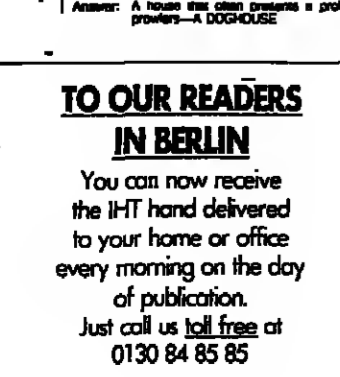
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SPORTS BASKETBALL

John Lucas's Recovery Road Trip

By Harvey Araton
New York Times Service

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — As the game begins, John Lucas discovers that he does not fear relinquishing control of his life to five sometimes erratic young men on a basketball court.

Standing in front of the bench, arms folded, awaiting his next nervous burst of kinetic energy, Lucas feels a familiar exhilaration to this experience.

You'd be surprised to whom Lucas has revealed his vulnerability and turned over his trust.

"People whose last names I don't know saved my life," he said.

A child as young as 8 and a senior as old as 80, he recalled. At one of his lowest points, it was a man who danced a strip tease in a Chicago nightclub and teased his hair like the rock star Prince.

"A guy I never would have hung with," said Lucas. Just someone he met at a meeting of those attempting to recover from substance abuse, someone who believed Lucas was kidding himself and needed to be told, straight out, that he was going to end up in jail, or dead.

Those were two of the three choices an addict has, Lucas said. The remaining choice, he said, is to enter the ritualistic and daily addressed world of recovery.

Six years along the latter path have led Lucas to the front of the San Antonio Spurs' bench, this place of distinction, as the first recovering substance abuser to coach a major American professional sports team.

Somehow, he comes across hardly prepared for a job like this and, at the same time, the most logical choice in the universe.

"My focus isn't all about winning," he said, in classic recovery-speak and in blasphemous counterpoint to the unofficial coach's credo. "It's about helping people. But if I help people, then I'm going to win."

In the two weeks since he replaced Jerry Tarkanian, Lucas's Spurs have undergone no dramatic transformation and have not added a respected point guard, which Tarkanian publicly clamored for until he was fired by the owner, Red McCombs, after only 21 games.

But they have developed a habit, perhaps temporary, of winning. When the Spurs rallied from 4 points behind with 20 seconds left in the fourth quarter and went on to defeat Phoenix, 114-113, in overtime in San Antonio on Sunday night, they won for the fifth time in six games under a coach whose previous experience was an eight-week, minor-league season last spring.

Even Charles Barkley, in a foul mood because his team had lost, in his 14-game winning streak, gave Lucas a bear hug before he left the court. Lucas then carried his own general manager, Bob Bass, halfway to the locker room.

Lucas's minor league team, the Miami Tropics, did win the U.S. Basketball League title, but that experience was really not "about winning," Lucas thought and coached that team to provide a transition back to basketball life for players who had been through the substance-abuse program at his Houston rehabilitation center.

Here, coaching the team of a rich and temperamental South Texas car dealer, Lucas may be kidding himself to think that anything more than the won-lost record really counts.

But at 39, a widening bald spot in the middle of his gray hair, he fancies himself a man of three identities, all capable of making a contribution: father figure, counselor, coach. In the first two categories, he is a veteran and a proven winner.

The morning of the Phoenix game, as the Suns swarmed in at the end of the Spurs' shootaround, an impromptu rehab reunion took place. Phoenix rookie Richard Dumas and the Spurs' William Bedford and Lloyd Daniels, all Lucas center graduates, embraced and exchanged war stories.

Soon they were joined by Lucas and George Gervin, who five years ago was rescued by Lucas from his own drug hell.

"He came and got me, brought me to Houston, and helped me get my life back on track," said Gervin.

The once-celebrated Ice Man, 40, admits he is still trying to cope with the fact that there are no more appreciative and fanatical roars of the San Antonio crowd. Rather than commit to Lucas's invitation to coach the Tropics next spring, he is planning to join a European tour of retired players.

Lucas understands. He works his own slender body hard. He challenges men almost half his age to some one-on-one. He is considered an even bet at some point to consider reacquiring himself.

He is a restless soul who has known national recognition success on two athletic fronts, in basketball and tennis, in which he stood out from age 10. Yet he has spent a good deal of his adult life battling fears of worthlessness.

He says: "It would have been nice to have had more of a childhood. By the time I got to 35, I felt as if my life was over, that there was nothing left to do."

His own mid-30s, his pay-for-play days dwindling, plunged him deeper into drugs than ever, until he bottomed out. He has been free from drugs since 1986 and now he is coaching

at 39, an athletic life renewed that has brought Lucas palpable relief he didn't anticipate.

Two days after he was hired by McCombs, he met an assistant coach of Gervin, who was languishing in a community-relations position with the Spurs.

Lucas knows that some people thought he was letting one interest affect another. But does his offering Gervin a chance differ much from Larry Brown's naming his young son-in-law, former Duke point guard Qin Snyder, as an assistant coach with the Los Angeles Clippers?

For those who would think that Lucas was confusing priorities and might be more interested

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John Lucas, San Antonio coach

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Bobby Hurley, whose four free throws helped Duke reach overtime, drove past Oklahoma's Jeff Webster for two of his 23 points.

Sooners Bedevil Duke but Lose

Late Surge Fails Oklahoma

The Duke Blue Devils are going to lose, sooner or later. The Oklahoma Sooners almost made it sooner.

They took Duke into overtime at Durham but the No. 1 Blue Devils outscored the No. 11 Sooners, 14-10, in the extra period to come out with an 88-84 victory Monday.

That extended Duke's winning streak to 22 games, its home court winning streak to 34 and its home court streak against non-Atlantic Coast Conference teams to 76.

Oklahoma came in looking for revenge after Duke stifled its 51-game home winning streak two years ago. The Sooners battled back from a 31-1 Duke rally in the first half and a 20-point deficit in the second half.

"They put us in a position where there was pressure on us," said Duke's coach, Mike Krzyzewski. "They fought like crazy."

The Sooners went almost three minutes without a field goal in overtime, allowing the Blue Devils (9-0) to open an 82-76 lead on two baskets by Grant Hill on passes from Bobby Hurley and two free throws by Thomas Hill.

Four free throws by Hurley down the stretch gave Duke a 7-point lead before Angelo Hamilton made a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

"We hit that spot in overtime where the shots weren't necessarily that bad," Oklahoma's coach, Billy Tubbs, said. "But we just couldn't get anything to fall."

Hill led the Blue Devils with 25 points, Hurley had 23 points and 15 assists and Thomas Hill scored 13. Hamilton led the game on a 3-pointer with 33 seconds left, but Thomas Hill's shot at the buzzer was deflected, sending the game into overtime.

No. 6 North Carolina 98, Cornell 60; in Chapel Hill, Cornell (4-4) didn't look anything like the team that knocked California from the top 25 last week with an upset. Derrick Phelps and Donald Williams led the Tar Heels (10-1) with 16 points each.

No. 7 Seton Hall 72, No. 19 Connecticut 69; in East Rutherford, New Jersey, Seton Hall's defense saved it one again. Trailing by

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nine points with eight minutes to play, the Pirates (13-1, 2-0 Big East) limited Connecticut (6-2, 1-1) to four baskets down the stretch and rallied for its ninth straight victory.

No. 8 Iowa 80, Drake 65; Iowa (11-0) flowing at home, used its strong inside play and sharp free-throw shooting in the last three minutes to pull away. Ace Earl led Iowa with 22 points, nine rebounds and eight blocked shots.

No. 13 Arkansas 72, SMU 53; At Dallas, Arkansas (9-1) played its first game against a Southwest Conference team since it defeated the Southeastern Conference last year, and SMU (5-4) helping the Razorbacks out by missing its last 24 shots. Scotty Thurman scored 24 points, including four 3-pointers.

No. 16 Cincinnati 79, Tennessee 58; Cincinnati (7-1) used a variety of presses and half-court traps to muffle one of the country's most dangerous shooters, holding Allan Houston to a season-low 16 points. Houston led the Bearcats with 20 points.

Gretzky to Play on Wednesday

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

INGLEWOOD, California — Having pronounced himself fully recovered from a serious back injury and eager to return to the ice, Wayne Gretzky will play his first game of the National Hockey League season Wednesday night.

Surrounded by family, teammates with the Los Angeles Kings, coaches and doctors, Gretzky said Monday he was excited about playing hockey again, something that at times he doubted he would be able to do.

"I'm obviously pretty excited," said Gretzky, who has sat out nearly half the season because of a herniated thoracic disk. "The thought of not being able to play hockey was pretty frightening. I'm getting a second chance. Not many people get a second chance."

Gretzky, 31, was injured in training camp and then left Sept. 13 to be with his wife for the birth of the couple's youngest son the next day. He intended to return to the team, but never did. His back pain increased and he was hospitalized Sept. 16 in Los Angeles for nearly a week.

He is to play Wednesday night against the Tampa Bay Lightning at the Forum and Friday night against the Jets in Winnipeg, but will sit out Sunday's game in Chicago. Gretzky said that, beginning next week, he plans to play every game.

From the start, his recovery has gone ahead of schedule. He resumed skating Dec. 7 and began practicing with the team Dec. 26. Dr. Robert Watkins, a spine expert who has been treating Gretzky, said the center's condition is excellent.

The Kings posted a 19-7-2 record in their first 28 games after his injury, but have gone 1-7-3 in their last 11 games.

■ In New York, the Rangers named Ron Smith, 48, his successful disciple at Binghamton, as the interim coach after demoting Roger Neilson to scout, and Neilson broke his diplomatic silence to blame Mark Messier for the troubles that ended a four-year reign.

In separate interviews, Neilson and the team's star sounded relieved to be rid of each other.

"This year, he just didn't lead us," Neilson said. "Last year, Mark was on top of all the little things. He was leading meetings and noticing things. This year, he didn't get it done."

Messier said that "I don't want to coach the team," but countered that Neilson had failed to adjust his strategies after repeated beatings from Patrick Division rivals. (LAT, NYT)

Chisox, Bucs and Braves Sign Players

NEW YORK — For the Chicago White Sox, Pittsburgh Pirates and Atlanta Braves, the best way to start the new year was with a new free agent.

Pittsburgh signed 37-year-old outfielder Lonnie Smith to a \$1 million, one-year contract with the chance for another \$500,000 in bonuses. And while Smith was leaving the Braves, infielder Bill Pecota was joining them, agreeing to a \$1.25 million, two-year contract.

Outfielder Ellis Burks, let go last month by the Boston Red Sox, agreed to sign with the White Sox for a one-year contract worth \$500,000 guaranteed and the chance to raise his pay to \$2.05 million through bonus clauses.

Burks, 28, became a free agent Dec. 18 when the Red Sox decided not to go to salary arbitration and refused to offer a 1993 contract.

Baseball's executive council decided Monday to give Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott until Jan. 20 to respond to allegations that she made racial and ethnic remarks.

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WALEY CONFERENCE			
Team	W	L	Pts
Pittsburgh	27	4	58
Washington	23	14	46
NY Rangers	19	17	33
NY Islanders	15	17	32
New Jersey	17	18	34
Philadelphia	13	19	28

CRICKET			
FIRST TEST			
Team	Wickets	Runs	Result
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Hawaii's Tourist Blues

By Robert Reinhold

HONOLULU — When final figures are in, 1992 will show the worst reversal for Hawaii tourism since the state converted its economy from plantation agriculture to world-class resort a generation ago.

What we get from tourism is a lot of people stepping on the grass," said Ira Rother, a political scientist at the University of Hawaii.

While Rother's view may not reflect that of most of the state's 1.1 million people, he does capture a growing disaffection with the dominant industry, now a source of resentment as well as income.

The number of visitors in 1992 was down nearly 5 percent from the level of 1991, which was not a great year either. The combined effects of the recession in California, the chief source of Hawaii's tourists, and Hurricane Iniki in September, which decimated tourism on the island of Kauai, have served to intensify long-standing unease about having so many economic eggs in one basket.

Does the state really want to nearly double tourist arrivals by 2005, as projected? Does it make sense to spend \$2.5 billion to expand Honolulu's airport, an effort that is already under way? Is traditional Hawaiian culture being prostituted for the sake of tourism?

And there is another question: How much does Hawaii actually profit from tourism? Not much, say the critics, who argue that no sooner are the profits earned than they begin flowing out of state — to mainland investors in Hawaii hotels and other tourist attractions and to exporters in Japan on whom Hawaii, lacking economic diversification, is dependent for many goods.

Caught between the forces for change and the politically powerful tourism industry, Governor John D. Waihele III counsels caution. "Tourism is our major industry — that cannot be denied," he said in a recent interview. He added that he felt the best strategy was to expand the tourism market — encouraging more European visitors, for example — while encouraging new in-

dustries like communications and scientific research. Efforts at diversification include the new Maui Research and Technology Park on Maui, meant to encourage small high-tech concerns to feed off the military research conducted at telescopes on the island's Mount Haleakala. But progress there has been slow.

Others are trying to exploit Hawaii's natural advantages, in marine research, seafood culture and geothermal energy; to build a spaceport, and to take advantage of the state's mid-Pacific location as a commercial and transportation hub for the Pacific Rim countries. For example, Media Five is a 20-year-old design concern in downtown Honolulu whose architects do commercial projects not only in the Hawaiian islands, but also in San Francisco, Australia and Tokyo.

The vast development that led to tourism's domination began after World War II when Hawaii started selling a tropical paradise to Americans and, later, to affluent Japanese. Golf courses were seen as ideal replacements for idled sugar and pineapple fields. The visitor count passed 1 million in 1967 and soared to a peak of nearly 7 million by 1990 before declining, according to the Hawaii Visitors Bureau.

Today, about a third of Hawaii's \$30 billion annual gross product can be attributed to tourism, said Gregory G. Y. Pai, the governor's special assistant for economic affairs. There is almost no manufacturing. But success in tourism came at a price. With land scarce, tourist development drove up the cost of living. And because hotel and restaurant jobs pay poorly, average incomes dropped. Hawaii finds itself in the position of ranking first in U.S. housing costs — \$335,000 is the median price of a house in the state — but 24th in average income. Housing rentals and food costs are also among the highest of the states. That means thousands of Hawaiians work two or even three jobs to survive, and an exodus to the mainland has begun.

None of the diversification efforts, however, can easily overcome Hawaii's remoteness. "We cannot escape the concentration on tourism," said David L. Ramsour, senior economist at the Bank of Hawaii.

Russell Baker is on vacation.

French Anchorman Makes the Headlines

By Roger Cohen

PARIS — Through a combination of scandal and seductiveness, a somewhat disheveled news anchor named Patrick Poivre d'Arvor has become the most talked-about personality in France and the focus of what is being widely described as a moral crisis affecting the nation and its news outlets.

Embroidered in the dubious financial affairs of an indicted Lyon businessman and accused of faking an interview with Fidel Castro of Cuba, Poivre d'Arvor, who presents the nightly news on France's most popular television channel, is now making more headlines than he reads.

His engagingly doleful expression, said to charm millions of Frenchwomen, has moved beyond the television screen to every newspaper and magazine. To some, the problems of Poivre d'Arvor, who is universally known by his initials P. P. D. A., chiefly reflect the jealousy of competitors whose news programs fare less well and the irritation of the Socialist government with a journalist who has sometimes been forthright in revealing official corruption.

To others, the 45-year-old anchor has brought his difficulties on himself by playing fast and loose with journalistic ethics and displaying a venal taste for the limelight. His conduct, critics say, is symptomatic of a country in which many prominent doctors, business people, politicians and judges have recently been implicated in scandals.

"Mr. Poivre d'Arvor has become a symbol for some of the professional classes now popularly associated with corruption, loose morals, greed and irresponsibility," said Albert Du Roy, an author and media expert.

Recent scandals involving kickbacks on public contracts, the illicit financing of political campaigns, seeming political bias on the part of judges, and the provision by doctors of AIDS-contaminated blood products to hemophiliacs have created a widespread sense that professional ethics in France are not what they once were. Some, including former Prime Minister Raymond Barre, are calling for the drafting and strict enforcement of an ethical code for journalists.

But Poivre d'Arvor argues vigorously that there is nothing wrong with his ethics. Rather, he says, he is the victim of a political witch hunt and attacks by rivals angered by the fact that his evening news show on TF1, the leading private channel, regularly attracts 40 percent of viewers, compared with 27.6 percent for the evening news of its chief rival, the state-owned, Socialist-influenced France 2.

"What is happening to me is shameful," he said in an interview. "I know this all



Patrick Poivre d'Arvor, on France's most popular news program.

comes from the highest circles. George Bush did not like Dan Rather. Well, Francois Mitterrand does not like me." Shaking his head in anger, this journalist with the following of a Walter Cronkite went on: "Look, I've just come from the hospital, where my daughter is suffering from acute anorexia as a result of these attacks. She has almost died a couple of times. I am at the end of my patience."

The most recent source of Poivre d'Arvor's troubles has been an investigation by the Lyon police into the affairs of a prominent businessman named Pierre Botton, who is the son-in-law of a leading Gaullist politician, the city's mayor, Michel Noir. An examination of the accounts of one of Botton's companies, Vivien, disclosed huge expenditures on receptions, dinners and holiday travel. Vivien is a builder of luxury

pharmacies and fiscal police questioned Botton on the justification for the spending.

In a written reply, parts of which were recently published by Le Monde, Botton said much of the spending had been on journalists and other public figures whose presence at receptions had, he argued, to enhance the image of Vivien. Chief among the journalists was Poivre d'Arvor, whose name appeared 22 times.

Among the payments to the anchor claimed by Botton were one of 7,485 francs (then about \$1,200) in April 1989 covering Poivre d'Arvor's expenses at the Cannes film festival, one of 20,622 francs in February 1989 for a trip in a pharmacy in the Antilles islands, another of 12,400 francs in November 1988 for a visit in a pharmacy in Switzerland and another air

fares amounting to about \$6,000 in 1988. In the interview, Poivre d'Arvor said he had become friendly with Botton a few years ago and had indeed accepted invitations from time to time. "He must have proposed 100 times and I accepted 10 times."

"It's possible that in some of the big dinners to which he invited me, there were some pharmacists. He may have used me without my knowing. Perhaps I could have chosen my friends better." But the journalist vigorously denied ever having visited any pharmacies with Botton in the Antilles, Switzerland or elsewhere. He also said there was nothing reprehensible about accepting the gifts because what he did was part of his private life.

"I never spoke to Botton about television. I never invited him on television and I can't be responsible if he used my name to explain his company's expenses," Poivre d'Arvor said.

But should the most powerful journalist in France have accepted gifts from the son-in-law of a prominent opposition politician, or indeed from anyone?

His television channel, TF1, which depends heavily on Poivre d'Arvor for its popularity, has rallied overwhelmingly to his cause, saying the journalist's entertainment by Botton had no bearing on his work. There is no question of any censure. Moreover, he contends that his investigative news program, "Le Droit de Savoir" ("The Right to Know"), started in 1990, has persistently angered President Mitterrand, particularly through an exposé on the financing of his 1988 election campaign. Thus the Botton dossier, he suggests, has been leaked by the government to hurt him.

The journalist has many supporters. "Poivre does not merit what's happening to him," said Dominique Wolton, a media expert. "He may have compromised himself a little, but he's attacked mainly out of jealousy."

But others are deeply troubled by Poivre d'Arvor's conduct. "How can you call yourself a journalist and travel free on the expenses of a businessman who is the son-in-law of the mayor of Lyon?" asked Philippe Kieffer, the media writer for the daily Liberation.

The effect of the furor has been greater because Poivre d'Arvor's ethics have already been questioned. After a visit to Cuba a year ago, TF1 broadcast what appeared to be an interview of Castro by its anchor. Later, it turned out that the network had used material from a news conference and interposed its own questions.

"The error was to insert the questions because it caused some ambiguity," Poivre d'Arvor said. "But I never claimed on television that this was an interview, much less an exclusive interview."

PEOPLE

Bush Wins an Award He Could Do Without

President George Bush has been awarded the Millard Fillmore Society's tongue-in-cheek "Medal of Mediocrity," beating out Woody Allen, Vice President Dan Quayle and the U.S. Postal Service. The group said Bush clinched its award, which is given each Jan. 7 on the birthday of the 13th U.S. president, when his popularity plummeted after the Gulf War and he lost the election to Bill Clinton. "Fresh from the fluster of a million yellow ribbons and a 90 percent approval rate, President Bush belly flopped like a wounded swan into the lake of American despair," said Phil Arkow, the group's vice president.

Daniel Ducruet, the father of Princess Stephanie of Monaco's son, Louis, has lost his driver's license for three months after his second conviction in a month for traffic-related fighting. Ducruet, 28, was convicted of beating Francis Clarys after the 45-year-old shepherd cut off Ducruet's car in traffic in June 1990. Clarys suffered a broken nose, split lip and skull fracture. On Dec. 11, Ducruet was ordered to pay 1,000 francs in damages to Dr. Jean-Christian Raymond after a dispute over tailgating.

"Tonight Show" bandleader Brandford Marsalis says he was handcuffed and put in a police car after being stopped for speeding last New Orleans last weekend. The jazz saxophonist said he was quickly released with a warning after a police officer recognized him. A police spokeswoman said she was unaware of such an incident.

Policy wonks, take heart. Andrew Sullivan, egghead Washington editor, has agreed to be in a Gap ad. Sullivan, 29, the young British gay Catholic conservative who runs the New Republic magazine, has agreed to sit for one of those chic portraits that supposedly attest to the absolute wit-it-ness of the ubiquitous U.S. clothing store chain Gap. Keen observers of the zeitgeist may find some larger meaning in all this.

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